Saturday, October 16, 2010 | 16 sections | Vol. 25 | No. 318 | P18

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

Super storm barreling toward Luzon

By Kristine L. Alave

A TROPICAL CYCLONE that weathermen said may have the makings of a "supertyphoon" barreled toward the Philippines last night, with officials comparing its fury with those of Tropical Storm "Ondoy" and Typhoon "Pepeng."

Bearing the international name "Megi," the new typhoon was expected to enter the Philippine area of responsibility (PAR) late last night, making it the 10th weather disturbance to enter the country this year, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) said.

Megi—which will be renamed "Juan" once it enters the country—is expected to intensify as it nears land

SUPER, A10

Ex-MPD chief blames Lim

PCCI maps strategy to grow key industries

By Abigail L. Ho

THE PHILIPPINE Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), the country's biggest business group, has mapped out a strategy for strengthening a number of key industries that are crucial to the growth of the economy.

The proposals are contained in various resolutions in several categories, including agriculture, education, mining, energy, banking and finance, etc.

The group urged the passage of pending legislative bills, and proposed new laws that it said policymakers should consider formulating.

In agriculture, the group sought incentives to corporate farming, "without prejudice to the land reform program of government," as well as the enactment of a bill that would allow farmers to use land acquired

PCCI, A10

BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE President Aquino (center) congratulates SMC president Ramon Ang who receives an award at closing rites of the 36th Philippine Business Conference on Friday. At left, partly hidden is Dr. Francis Chua, PCCI president. At right is Benjamin Philip Romualdez, PCCI vice president for industry

P-Noy hails business leaders' role

By Norman Bordadora and Abigail L. Ho

PRESIDENT AQUINO yesterday hailed the country's business leaders for their role in bringing back business and consumer confidence even as he asked for increased partnership between the public and private sector in infrastructure development to free up more funds for basic services like health and education.

He singled out for praise the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry's business matrix program aimed at developing the countryside by matching small-town producers with the requirements of big corporations.

"With a computerized networking system that bridges the gap between producers and sellers with their potential buyers and financial resources, you

P-NOY, A10

Manila mayor hits back: Why air belated version only now?

THE DISMISSED CHIEF of the Manila Police District (MPD) has named Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim as the one responsible for the bloody outcome of the Aug. 23 hostage crisis.

In an exclusive interview with ANC-CNN on Thursday, Chief Supt. Rodolfo Magtibay said he should not be blamed for the botched rescue operation that resulted to the killing of eight Hong Kong tourists because he was just following Lim's orders.

Lim yesterday lashed back at Magtibay for airing this "belated version."

"He should have said that from the beginning if that was the truth," the mayor said in Filipino.

Lim, in a statement, denied he was in full control of the negotiation, saying his role as the crisis management committee (CMC) chair was purely a "staff function" and advisory in nature.

He said he was, in fact, "not fully informed" of the developments at the time.

The actual operation fell under the responsibility of the critical incident management task force headed by Magtibay, the mayor said.

Magtibay said Lim, who chairs the local CMC, was in control of the negotiation with the hostage-taker, dismissed police officer Rolando Mendoza.

He said everything was going smoothly until Lim ordered that SPO2 Gregorio Mendoza, the hostage-taker's brother, be handcuffed and brought to Ouano.

Magtibay, through his lawyer Eugenio Villareal, told the Inquirer yesterday that every order he had issued to ground commander was first cleared with Lim.

"He (Magtibay) is not blaming Mayor Lim. He is not blaming anyone. But we are leaving the legal impact of the actions of Mayor Lim to the proper fo-

EX-MPD, A11

OPEN FOR BUSINESS Members of the truth commission, from left, Carlos P. Medina Jr., Florida Ruth Romero, Hilario G. Davide Jr., Ramon J. Cullen Jr. and Menardo I. Guevarra, answer questions from the media during a press conference held at the PICC in Pasay City on Friday

NBN-ZTE deal tops truth body's initial 23 cases

By Christian V. Esguerra

DESPITE the possibility of the Supreme Court declaring it unconstitutional, the five-member truth commission has officially begun work, examining an initial list of 23 purported cases of graft and corruption during the administration of now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

The then President is to be resolved in "more than one" of these cases, Commissioner Carlos Medina yesterday said at its first press conference held at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City.

He said the list included the scrapped $329-million National

NBN-ZTE, A11

SBMA backs off reinstating 'midnight' bets

By Robert Gonzaga, Inquirer Central Luzon, and Marlon Ramos in Manila

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) board of directors yesterday backtracked on a plan to constitute itself, after initially misinterpreting the Oct. 14 status quo ante order issued by the Supreme Court allowing the reinstatement of a "midnight appointee" of then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Jose Midas Marquez, the Supreme Court's administrator and spokesperson, yesterday reiterated that the order referred only to the case of Ricardo Lacsamana and her post in the National Commission of Muslim Filipinos.

"It's very clear that the status quo ante order only covered Lacsamana and no other petitioners," he told reporters.

Marquez's pronouncement prompted SBMA Administrator Armand Arreza to issue a state-

SBMA, A11

Footnotes: SC drops case of plagiarism against justice

By Nikko Dizon

THE SUPREME Court en banc has dismissed the plagiarism case against Associate Justice Mariano del Castillo "for lack of merit," attributing Del Castillo's failure to properly attribute sources in his controversial decision to an accidental deletion made by his legal researcher.

"The mistake of Justice Del Castillo's researcher is that, after

SC CITES, A19

$10,000 in bank, free vacation in Greece...

SAN JOSÉ MINE, Chile—The lucky ones now have more than $10,000 in the bank and a free vacation in Greece awaiting them. But for the moment, many of the family members of the 33 miners trapped under the hard volcanic rock here for more than two months seemed content to remain at Camp Hope on Thursday, tending to their lands and sweeping away the desert dust from their makeshift dining tables.

Elizabeth Segovia, the sister of one of the miners, Dario Segovia, arranged balloons next to the family's tow tents, which were

$10,000, A17

WEATHER FORECAST

Second FRONTPAGE

P2D
26 2 2 31 6 28
4D
6 9 1 8 9 5
SWERTRES
0 8 6 2 1 1
MEGALOTTO 6/45
12 28 30 33 35 36
P4,500,000.00

Globe Asiatique blacklisted

Pag-Ibig cuts credit line of beleaguered housing developer

By Jerome Aning

THE HOME Development Mutual Fund, known as the Pag-Ibig Fund, yesterday said it has blacklisted property developer Globe Asiatique Realty Holdings Corp. and its officials.

Pag-Ibig has "cancelled, revoked and nullified the funding commitment line granted to Globe Asiatique," which means that the developer can no longer secure loans from the state housing agency, said officer-in-charge Emma Linda Fetalvero.

Having lost its accreditation as a developer, Globe Asiatique also can no longer deal with Pag-Ibig in the processing and release of housing loan applications, and will lose access to the agency's express loan facility, Fetalvero explained.

The blacklisting also covers the developer's key officials. They, too, are no longer eligible to avail of or participate in any of the Pag-Ibig lending programs," she added.

Bella advised buyers of Globe Asiatique properties to submit their housing loan applications directly to Pag-Ibig. Those applications will be processed through the usual unit-level windows.

She said Globe Asiatique was blacklisted for failing to turn back 1,753 accounts totaling P1.2 billion to its Taiwan project in Malolos, Bulacan, or to apply any of the acceptable remedies within the prescribed 90-day period.

She said the property developer failed to remit monthly installment payments it had collected from member-buyers for two consecutive periods starting from the last week of July 2010.

Prior to this, Globe Asiatique was remitting an estimated P10 million in collections for every 10-day period, she said.

Bella said Pag-Ibig has entered a task force to "resolve, address and recommend solutions" on operational issues that may arise as a result of the cancellation of the funding commitment line and collection servicing agreements with Globe Asiatique.

But she assured Pag-Ibig members that the controversy involving Globe Asiatique will not affect the agency's financial stability and its socioeconomic role as members.

Vice President Atienne Blaza, who chairs the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, earlier ordered an investigation into the Taiwan case, and assured the public that appropriate charges would be filed to protect the integrity of the fund. He may also chair of the Pag-Ibig board.

Globe Asiatique was accredited by Pag-Ibig, thus are required to guarantee against ineligible or fraudulent borrowers, annotations of projects, and fraudulent transactions. They also issue guarantees or loans against default within a period of two years. Developers also commit to buy back faulty accounts.

A breach of any of these guarantees is ground for blacklisting developers, as it makes to cause collections covered by subscription servicing agreements.

Earlier this year, Pag-Ibig officials discovered what they said were spurious transactions in Globe Asiatique's Taiwan housing projects in Pampanga involving fake borrowers. "Some findings were discovered through Pag-Ibig's validation and internal control mechanisms.

WHAT WENT BEFORE

LAST August, the Inquirer published a two-part special report on alleged irregularities in the Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-Ibig Fund) loan transactions involving Globe Asiatique Realty Holdings Corp.'s Aseana housing projects.

The report quoted documents showing that Globe Asiatique had taken out as much as P6.9 billion in loans proceeds for close to 8,000 units in its Aseana projects in Bacoor and Molave, Zamboanga, between March 2008 and May 2010.

Upon checking by Pag-Ibig officials, however, several of the loans turned out to be spurious, with the listed borrowers denying having availed of the housing loans.

In effect, Globe Asiatique's housing projects in Pampanga appear to have been funded by bank loans not by the developer on behalf of people who had no knowledge of such loans.

According to a whistleblower, Pag-Ibig had allowed more than 600 allegedly fake members in Globe Asiatique accounts as of June 30. Validation conducted by Pag-Ibig found that Globe Asiatique had passed off people accredited for Pag-Ibig membership as "buyers" of its townhouses.

On Sept. 3, the Ombudsman formed a panel to investigate the irregularities. The six-member "Task Force Pag-Ibig" will determine "whether there is sufficient evidence to indict, and file criminal and administrative charges, if necessary."

On the same day, Globe Asiatique withdrew its P2.4 billion initial public offering after its underwriter, BDO Capital and Investment Corp., resigned after reports of its allegedly questionable loan transactions surfaced.

Delfin Lee, president of Globe Asiatique, has denied all allegations. Kate Pedroso, Inquirer Research | Source: Inquirer Archives

United Auctioneers, Inc.
OCTOBER 19 & 20, 2010
(TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY)
REGISTRATION IS ONGOING ON AUCTION DAYS
INSPECTION & REGISTRATION START TOMORROW!
INSPECTION DATES:
OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2010
ADMATEU BY:GAS'S

U.P. LAW CENTER
TRAINING AND CONVENTION DIVISION
Bocobo Hall, Diliman,
Quezon City 1101 Philippines
Telefax 9297156; Tel. 9285514 Loc. 223

2010-2011 ADVANCED BAR REVIEW

SUBJECTS	LECTURERS
POLITICAL LAW	Prof. Bruce B. Cornejo Prof. Jacques G. Antonio Dean Merlin M. Magallona Prof. Edwin R. Sandoval
LABOR LAW	Prof. Dominador P. Hinon, Jr. Dean Froilan M. Bacungan
CIVIL LAW	Dean Ed Vincent S. Alburo Dean Augusto E. Miguela Prof. Ramon N. Cruz-Reyes Prof. Danilo C. Concepcion Prof. Eduardo A. Lalbing Dean Merlin M. Magallona
TAXATION	Prof. Edwin R. Sandoval Prof. Abelardo T. Dumandan
MERCANTILE LAW	Dean Arturo E. Balboarin Prof. Tristan A. Catindig Dean Jose B. Sandoval, Jr.
CRIMINAL LAW	Dean Carlos M. Ortega
REMEDIAL LAW	Prof. Victoria A. Avena Justice Maria Cristina J. Cuesta Prof. Rogelio Vivo-Gallo Dean Carlos M. Ortega
LEGAL ETHICS & PRACTICAL EXERCISES	Prof. Abelardo T. Dumandan

ENROLLMENT NOW GOING ON

Classes Start: October 23, 2010 (Thursday); 5:00 p.m.
Schedule: Mon. to Fri. 5-9 p.m. & Sat. 9-12 n.n.; 1-6 p.m.

For Information, Please call
Training and Convention Division
U.P. Law Center, Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. Nos. 929-7156; 920-1014 Loc. 223

Pope OKs cardinal's retirement

POPE Benedict XVI has finally approved the retirement of Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal, who had submitted his retirement papers to the Vatican four years ago.

In a letter dated Oct. 14, Papal Nuncio Edward Joseph Adams sent the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines that the Holy See has appointed Bishop Jose Palma as the new archbishop of Cebu.

"I write to inform you that the Holy Father has appointed his Excellency Most Rev. Jose Palma, until now the Archbishop of Davao, as Archbishop of Cebu," stated Adams.

The letter was addressed to CBCP media director Msgr. Pedro Quitorio III.

Palma, 60, is currently the vice president of the CBCP. He is also known for his anti-gay rights advocacy. He had been vocal against contraceptive use. killings. Adams ordered Bishop Oscar Jolo, OSB, OSB, prior was assigned to Davao. Palma was then bishop of Calbayog. Jocelyn R. Uy

HANDOG SALE
The most-awaited Music & Pro-Audio Sale of the year!
Visit any Yamaha Music Stores or Perfect Pitch Stores nationwide for more details.
www.yupangco.com
OCTOBER 16 TO 31, 2010
Reg DTI-NCR Permit No. 0007 Series of 2010

Celebrate German Unity Day with
Porsche Center Philippines this Sunday.

Come and join us on October 17, 2010 from 10am to 5pm and enjoy the following:

- Test drive the new Porsche Panamera 4S and discover a whole new driving experience
- Get to know more about our exciting deals with the Porsche Ownership Program
- Receive special Porsche gift items and souvenir photos
- and enjoy German Frankfurters

Call us now at 724-0048 for more details.

PORSCHE

Porsche Center Philippines

Porsche Center Global City
Soon to open in 2011

IN WAKE OF TRILLANES AMNESTY

Militant solons file 'reso' for release of 'Morong 43,' political prisoners

By Michael Lim Ubac, Marlon Ramos and Leila B. Salaverria

A MILITANT bloc in Congress led by Bayan Muna yesterday filed House Resolution No. 1151 calling for the "immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners," including the so-called "Morong 43" who were arrested in a motel complex in Morong, Rizal on Feb. 6 while allegedly training to bomb-making.

There are at least 400 political prisoners in the country, according to the bloc.

"The government's immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners will be a gesture of justice and goodwill in the interest of ensuring an atmosphere conducive to the peace process as well as a confidence-building measure for the resumption of peace talks," the group of lawmakers said.

The bloc is composed of party-list Reps. Teddy Casiño and Neri Javier Colmenares (Bayan Muna), Rafael Mariano (Anakpawis), Luz Ilagan and Emmi de Jesus (Gabriela Women's Party), Raymond Palatino (Makabayan) and Antonio Tinio (Act Teachers).

Detective warrant

Deputy Speaker Lorenzo Tañada III also urged President Aquino to withdraw the cases filed against the "Morong 43," noting that their arrests seemed to have been based on a defective warrant and that they were not given access to lawyers during their inquest and interrogation.

At the same time, he said the suspected members of the New People's Army should be released on recognizance, that is, placed under the authority of a person approved by the court.

On Tuesday, Mr. Aquino granted amnesty to rebel soldiers who mounted three uprisings against his predecessor, former President Macapagal-Arroyo, and whose cases are currently pending in civil and military courts.

However, the President ignored the fate of the 43 arrested in Morong who claimed to be health workers although he had earlier said that they were arrested on defective evidence. He said he was leaving the decision on whether to free them to the courts.

Political prisoners, too

The militant lawmakers said that amid the presidential amnesty granted to rebel soldiers, all political prisoners should be freed and charges leveled against them dropped, calling them "trumped-up charges vs. political dissenters."

The resolution called attention to the following cases:

"Angelina 'Angie' Ipong, who was abducted on March 8, 2007 in Aparri, Misamis Occidental by alleged police agents, held incommunicado for weeks, and allegedly "tortured and sexually harassed." Ipong, 65, has reportedly suffered loss mild heart attacks but is yet to be released by humanitarian counsel.

"Randy Felix Malayao, National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) negotiating panel consultant, who was abducted by the military on May 15, 2006, "tortured and denied communication with his relatives and friends."

In June 2010, Malayao was acquitted from murder charges filed against him for the murder of former Cagayan governor and congressman Col. Rodolfo Aguinaldo and his bodyguard.

Damocles's award

"In the same vein, numerous activists have been slapped with trumped-up charges of rebellion and economic crimes that hang like a Damocles' sword over their heads, their lives being disrupted by threats of arrest, abduction or assassination," the resolution said.

The resolution stated that NDFP consultants Vicente Ladlad, Randall Echanis and Rafael Baylosis also continue to be victims of fabricated charges and face arrest despite a June 1, 2007 Supreme Court ruling dismissing the rebellion case against them and six members of Congress (the Batasan 6).

"The Executive Department, through the Department of Justice, can cause the dropping of charges against the Morong 43, Ipong, Malayao, Ocampo and all political prisoners as well as scrutinize hazel suits spurious charges. The trumped-up charges against NDFP consultants must likewise be withdrawn as a confidence-building measure in the peace negotiations between government and the NDFP," the resolution added.

ARELLANO UNIVERSITY 72 YEARS
www.arellano.edu.ph
• Affordable Quality Education • Strong in Local and International Programs •
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
FRESHMEN
• Form 138
• Certificate of Good Moral Character
CROSS-ENROLLEES
• Permit to Cross Enroll
TRANSFEREES
• Honorable Dismissal
• Copy of Grades
• Certificate of Good Moral Character
GRADUATE SCHOOL
• Transcript of Records
• Certificate of Graduation
ARELLANO UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES
ENROLLMENT FOR 2ND SEM. S.Y. 2010-11 IS NOW GOING ON

Corrections

IN THE OCT. 13 (#4/8), a photo caption on Page A7 misnamed the position of Supreme Court Associate Justice Bienvenido. Bienvenido is the Supreme Court executive officer—not chief operating officer.

In the same issue, a Lifestyle story on Page E1—"Philippine Cultural Pro. Until opens in Vicenza"—mistakenly identified Lorenzo Tañada V. Cruz, who was present to the event, as a former defense chief. Cruz is a senior partner at Angara Abello Concepcion Regala & Cruz Law Offices. The former defense secretary is Avelino J. Cruz.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Saturday, October 16, 2010
28th Week in Ordinary Time
Homily / Margaret Mary Gleeson
1st Reading: Sph 1:14-22
Gospel: Lk 12:8-12

Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before people, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But the one who denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God.

"Those will be pardon for the one who says something against the Son of Man, but there will be no pardon for one who slanders the Holy Spirit.

"When they bring you before the synagogues, governors and rulers, don't worry about how you will defend yourself or what to say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you have to say."

Commentary

"The Holy Spirit will teach you what you should say."

Are human as do not know the history of why religious persecutions have been carried out. The Spirit of God dwells in those who seek and proclaim those to be holy.

It is distressing God's voice from some that resolve.

Christian Communication Foundation, Inc., 4 Mercury Dr. cor. Libertad Ave., Quezon City, 1112. Tel. # 410-0000 / 410-0001 local 101. Fax: (632) 410-0000. P.O. Box No. 2552, Quezon City Central Post Office, Philippines. Website: http://www.christianmedia.net. Email: christianmedia@yahoo.com / christianmedia@pldtdsl.net

12 rapped for faking land titles

By Alcuin Papa

THE OFFICE of the Ombudsman charged 12 people, including two officials of land agencies, yesterday for faking land titles in exchange for money.

The agency identified the two officials as Alejandrino Cabanilla, Land Management Specialist of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources's Land Management Bureau, and Merlina Ireñeta, Land Registration Examiner of the Registry of Deeds of Cagayan. The two were charged with 31 counts of falsification and violation of Republic Act No. 3019, otherwise known as the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

The charges stemmed from a complaint filed by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, who had earlier suspected the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) to investigate the issuance of spurious land titles in Sta. Ana, Cagayan.

According to records of the case, the private respondents engaged the services of Cabanilla to follow up their applications for homestead. Cabanilla managed to produce Original Certificate of Title (OCT) covering several lots in Sta. Ana, which he later endorsed to Ireñeta for registration. The titles were then delivered to the private respondents.

But the NBI found that Cabanilla prepared the titles by forging the signatures of deceased persons. Ireñeta had assigned the title numbers and filed them in the vault of the Registry of Deeds.

Records of the case further revealed that Pedro Gambala, Adila Juan, Rhoniya Rodolfo Gambala and Jaggie were able to sell the lots covered by the anomalous titles to PB Bank for P30,000 per hectare. The other respondents also managed to make offers to sell their lots to property developers.

In a 14-page review, the Ombudsman said that the "overlooking roles of respondents Cabanilla and Ireñeta paved the way to the issuance of the false OCTs."

On the other hand, the private respondents benefited from the falsification of the documents. Even if the other respondents have not managed to sell their lots, the Ombudsman said "their act of offering their property to developer shows that they stood to profit from, and thus have an interest in, the issuance of the false OCTs."

Complicity of the private respondents was also evident when they failed to question the authenticity of the land titles "even when it is glaring on the face of the titles that their issues were issued on 1979 or 1980, which is 26 years before they gave public recognition Cabanilla in 2006 the documents which are the prerequisite to the issuance of the subject titles."

ASTOCA
A Major Source of High Quality Manpower & Employment Assistance Provider
Building Connections!
Asian Technical Overseas Corporation
Contact Person: Rose Frances Bustillos - Pepito
Building, 5-7 Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Ctr., Pasig City
Mobile Phone Numbers: 0917-541-7...
Metrobank Branch: Ortigas Avenue Br.
Bank Account Number: 244-307-3...
Corporation, Travel Agency, Office, Hotel & Motel Rates, Promotion Discounts, Accreditation/Booking Rates, Telephone Numbers, Air Ticketing Rates, etc. Be in close coordination in regards with the
Office Equipment Leased or Stationery Products, Rose Mary Bustillos
Meeting for all persons directly or indirectly involved for Mass Information Drive!
Attention: Mr. Ramon Ang, Mr. Lucio Tan, Mr. Manuel V. Pangilinan, Mr. Oscar Hilado, Mr. Eduardo J. Cojuangco, Jr., Mr. Enrique K. Razon, Jr., Mr. Andrew L. Tan, Mr. Jose T. Pardo, Mr. Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, Mr. Jose Ma. Ponce, Mr. Jose Ma. Del Rosario, Jr., Mr. Jose Ma. Lopez, Mr. Jose Ma. Aboitiz, Mr. Jose Ma. Gotianun, Mr. Jose Ma. Sy, Mr. Jose Ma. Soriano, Mr. Jose Ma. Ayala, Mr. Jose Ma. Ongpin, Mr. Jose Ma. Lim, Mr. Jose Ma. Tan, Mr. Jose Ma. Chua, Mr. Jose Ma. Go, Mr. Jose Ma. Yap, Mr. Jose Ma. Ang, Mr. Jose Ma. Lee, Mr. Jose Ma. Kwok, Mr. Jose Ma. Wong, Mr. Jose Ma. Chan, Mr. Jose Ma. Ong, Mr. Jose Ma. Lim, Mr. Jose Ma. Tan, Mr. Jose Ma. Chua, Mr. Jose Ma. Go, Mr. Jose Ma. Yap, Mr. Jose Ma. Ang, Mr. Jose Ma. Lee, Mr. Jose Ma. Kwok, Mr. Jose Ma. Wong, Mr. Jose Ma. Chan, Mr. Jose Ma. Ong

Report corrupt execs, public told

THE VICE chair of the House committee on good government has called on the public to come forward and report officials involved in illegal activities to help in the Aquino administration's anti-corruption campaign.

Cotonal Madrid Rep. Reynaldo Umali is calling on the public to report officials who are involved in illegal activities to help the anti-corruption drive of the Aquino government.

"We are planning to revitalize the committee's primary purpose which is to investigate corruption in government," said Umali, referring to the good government committee's head by Iloilo Rep. Jerry Treñas.

Umali made the statement after being approached for help by Orlando Marquez, a transport leader who, for a long time, has been campaigning against policemen and traffic enforcers extorting money from erring motorists.

Marquez had asked Umali to help them in their plight in the hands of corrupt policemen and traffic enforcers who deprived them of their earnings.

"Now that we are planning to strengthen the committee's role, we can look into this complaint from the transport sector," Umali said.

Umali said the committee recently met with officials from the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) to discuss ways to help the transport sector.

Umali also asked Marquez to help him formulate a bill to uphold the living conditions of drivers.

Bible lectures in 11 languages

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES in the Philippines will hold free Bible-based lectures in 72 areas nationwide starting this month.

The three-day lectures will be presented in Filipino, Iloko, Hiligaynon, Cebuano, Ilocano, Bicol and Waray, as well as in English, Korean, Mandarin and sign language, according to the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of the Philippines, the legal and corporate arm of Jehovah's Witnesses.

On Oct. 22-24, foreigners of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds are expected to gather at Tanghalang Pasigueño in Pasig City to listen to a talk to be delivered on family relationship and spirituality.

Hearing-impaired individuals who understand Filipino sign language will gather on Nov. 5-7 in Pasig and on Dec. 10-12 at the Baguio Convention Center.

Admission is free and no collections will be taken.

Philkbible, there are over 7.2 million Jehovah's Witnesses in more than 105,000 congregations who volunteer their time to teach the Bible from house to house.

For inquiries, call the Watch Tower at (02) 411-6000 or log on to www.watchtower.org.

We commit. We deliver.
READY for OCCUPANCY
Brentwood MANSION
Santolan, Pasig City
₱12,488
Also Available
WINDSOR MANSION
OXFORD MANSION
PASIG ROYALE MANSION
CITYLAND
812-2222 • 687-3333 • 567-3333 • 242-1212
www.CITYLAND.ph

citibank
0% PayLite, Zero worries.
Powered by Citi.
PayLite ANYWHERE and enjoy FREE Purchase Protection for 6 months against theft or accidental damage. This means longer, lighter payments that go hand in hand with peace of mind.
Valid for purchases made from September 3 to October 31, 2010 only.
Go ahead, PayLite now.
citibank Privileges
0% PayLite Purchase Protection
Benefits at a glance:
√Valid for PayLite and straight purchases
√FREE Purchase Protection for 6 months against:
• Theft, robbery, burglary, hold-up
• Accidental Damage
No Citibank Credit Card yet? Apply now.
Call 423 3000, visit www.citibank.com.ph or text CITI CARD to 2600
The most rewarding cards in town.
Plus, enjoy FREE Purchase Protection for 12 months at the following stores:
ABENSON
Anvaya
Automatic Centrifug
avant
appliance
Western
Common Sense
Selecta Novelties
Silicon Valley
© 2010 Citibank with Arc Design is a registered service mark of Citigroup Inc.
The most rewarding cards in town, based on a survey conducted by Euromonitor, June 2010.
For full promo terms and conditions, visit www.citibank.com.ph

54th Annual Convention of the Philippine Society of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery

"Fallacies and Controversies, Updates and Debates"

IFHNOS World Tour 2010 - Philippines

"Current Concepts in Head and Neck Surgery and Oncology"

Crowne Plaza Galleria, Quezon City, Philippines
October 17 – 20, 2010

PSO-HNS BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2010

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE 2010

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

PSO-HNS SECRETARIAT

Abad defends ₱21-B budget for dole-outs

By Norman V. Dumlao

BUDGET SECRETARY Florencio B. Abad yesterday defended Malacañang's proposed ₱21 billion conditional cash transfer (CCT) program for 2011 against critics in Batasan Pambansa, saying he says that it was "responsible" and "rationally."

ABAD

In a statement distributed to lawmakers and the media, Abad said the expansion of the program was, in fact, "timely, responsive and a substantial improvement over the existing ₱19.9-billion[1] program."

"I think the [lawmakers] should review the budget more carefully and intensively," Abad told the reporters at the sidelines of plenary budget debates.

"CCT is a whole package of programs that support one another. That is why you cannot look at CCT apart from basic education, responsiveness, apart from public health investments," said Abad, who was present at the House of Representatives in lobby for the passage of Malacañang's proposed ₱1.645-trillion budget.

Arroyo, now a Pampanga representative, had taken the floor on Tuesday and said the expansion of the CCT program was "irresponsible, ambitious and untimely" because the program was not yet fully prepared.

Lack of facilities

The CCT program grants cash allowances of ₱500 to ₱1,400 per month to families that keep their children in school and regularly visit health centers.

Arroyo wanted that expanding the CCT beneficiaries from the current target of one million families to 2.3 million families would create bottleneck and training more people to oversee and monitor the program. She also said there were not enough birthing facilities and classrooms to accommodate more beneficiaries.

Militant lawmakers were also passing around a manifesto asking their colleagues to reconsider the allocation for the CCT program, which they denounced as mere "statistical window dressing."

Abad, in his statement, countered that the program was "timely," because it would help the country comply with its international commitment to meet millennium development goals (MDGs) by 2015.

The MDGs include efforts to eradicate poverty, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality in education, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS and ensure environmental sustainability.

The CCT program was "responsive," he said, because it targets directly the poor households and addresses severe constraints to key MDG indicators such as universal elementary education and maternal healthcare.

Substantial investments

"Finally, it is an improvement because it is more comprehensive," Abad said. "Second, CCT, the program comes with substantial investments in basic education, child immunization, maternal health and public health services."

He said the Department of Education's allocation was increased by ₱52.3 billion to ₱287.3 billion to fund 18,359 more classrooms (including desks and chairs); 18,000 more teaching positions; and 12.3 million textbooks, among other resource needs.

Also, he said the proposed budget increased funding for the health facilities enhancement program of the Department of Health to ₱7.1 billion in 2011 from ₱5.2 billion in 2010.

This will support the upgrading of around 1,278 health facilities and hospitals with centers, especially for basic comprehensive emergency obstetrics and neonatal care, he said.

"The CCT is one of the less offensive programs we inherited from the past administration," he added.

He argued that the CCT expansion was feasible, especially as the Department of Social Welfare and Development has developed a proven means to reach indigent families through the national household targeting system.

Abad also said the CCT expansion will be done in phases—from your million household beneficiaries this year to 2.3 million by the end of next year. Monitors will be trained and deployed to work closely with local governments and civil society.

Arroyo signed a manifesto against the CCT drafted by the militant lawmakers, but Tolentino publicized hers. With a report by Michael Lim Ubac

Noynoy allies invoke party loyalty to pass 2011 budget

By Michael Lim Ubac

SWORING DUTY loyalty and allegiance to President Aquino, Malacañang pro-votes made a last-minute plea to allies in the House of Representatives to disregard objections to the ₱21-billion cash dole-out program and pass their proposed ₱1.645 trillion budget for 2011.

Seeking against time, the lower chamber was set to pass the budget bill on second reading the before midnight Friday.

The conversion conditional cash transfer (CCT) program budget, sacked away in the ₱64.2-billion proposed budget for next year of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), was the remaining roadblock in the budget's relatively easy passage.

In press time, almost 20 congressmen were still queuing to interpellate the sponsor of the DSWD budget, Rep. Juanito Nieto.

The CCT program grants allowances to poor families that keep their children healthy and in school.

Budget Secretary Florencio Abad reminded members of the House that the CCT was the flagship antipoverty program of the President.

"The House is dominated by the President's coalition, so I think the coalition will stand behind the President's position," said Abad.

House Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II said that congressmen were ready to vote on Batasan Pambansa until early morning Saturday if needed, just to ensure the passage of President Aquino's first ever budget.

Biggest Anniversary Offer Ever!

This week, St. Luke's will not only help save your life but will also help you save money.

50% DISCOUNT

On room rates and diagnostic procedures

I. This special St Luke's anniversary offer is from October 11 to 17, 2010 (Monday to Sunday). And it's only available at St. Luke's Global City.

II. Coverage
Hospital Fees, in-patients and out-patients
1. 50% discount
- On current set rates for most diagnostic procedures (Except: Nucleic Acid Testing for Blood Screening, Capsule Endoscopy, Diagnostic procedures with existing packages – for example, coronary angiogram)
- On set rates of all patient rooms and critical care units
- On Procedure fees and equipment use in the Operating Rooms

2. As much as 20% discount on therapeutic procedures including coronary angiogram.

3. Up to 20% discount on already existing discounted packages:
- On Executive check up packages
- On Selective check up and pre-employment packages designed for accredited corporate accounts and HMOs
- On other existing health and therapeutic packages (for example, coronary bypass)

4. We are also requesting our doctors to discount their professional fees on voluntary basis.

III. Exclusions
Medicines, blood, implants, supplies and ambulance fees.

IV. Manner of Payment
1. Cash
2. Credit card
3. Thru accredited company or HMO affiliation
4. Procedures paid for during the promo period may be availed of until Nov. 17, 2010

Call:
St. Luke's Global City: (632) 789-7700

Look for:
Patty Dimasalang at extension 5060 or mobile no. (0920)9078278
Elmer Portes at extension 4500 or mobile no. (0917) 8651158
Nadine Go at extension 5053 or mobile no. (0922) 8870457

St. Luke's Medical Center
GLOBAL CITY
We love life

THOMASIAN BUSINESS LEADERS AND ENTREPRENEURS GATHER FOR THE 1ST THOMASIAN GLOBAL TRADE EXPO

Successful Thomasian Alumni turned business leaders and established entrepreneurs are gathering for the first ever Thomasian Global Trade Expo (TGTE) until October 17, 2010 at the SMX Convention Center. Organized by the Thomasian Leaders Alumni Association (TALA) and the UST Alumni Association, Inc. (USTAA), in cooperation with the University of Santo Tomas, through the UST Office for Alumni Relations, the TGTE aims to showcase Thomasian-owned or led corporations as well as small and medium enterprises, making a mark in the country and contributing to nation building. UST Rector and Quadricentennial Commission Chair Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa had proudly endorsed this project, saying, "I am pleased that this Expo is showing a pluralistic society the best of our alumni, through their flagship corporations, is heralded." The TGTE is part of the activities and highlights commemorating UST's Quadricentennial Anniversary in 2011.

The SMX Convention Center in Pasay City has turned into a huge Thomasian city where exhibitors are zoned in several areas namely, a Pre-Christmas Shopping Bazaar, I.T. and Trade Services, Arts Fair, Arts, Design and Construction Show, and a Food, Health, and Wellness Festival. Students of the university are participating in the Expo where they have a chance to establish contacts and network with the UST alumni for their future careers. Renowned business gurus, management experts, and entrepreneurs are sharing their best practices on business and innovative processes during the event. Successful Thomasian business leaders and entrepreneurs such as Jose Cruz of Advantage/Jose Cruz Signatures, Bobby Tan of Burlington, Vivian Que Azcona of Mercury Drug Corp, and Ricardo Po of Century Tuna, among others, were recognized during the Opening Ceremony last October 15, 2010 at 10:00 in the morning.

The TGTE is open from 10:00 in the morning to 7:00 in the evening. Admission is free. The Thomasian community, including their families as well as the general public are invited to come and visit this three day trading exhibit.

Come and visit the

THOMASIAN GLOBAL TRADE EXPO

The Ultimate One-Stop Trade Fair for all your needs!

October 15 to 17, 2010

EXHIBIT HOURS: 10:00 am-7:00 pm

SMX Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City

ADMISSION IS FREE!

Burlington Basketball Tips at TGTE

Burlington Basketball Tips, the award winning sugar reconstituted program, will be shown at the Burlington booth at the Thomasian Global Trade Expo (TGTE) at SMX in Pasay City from October 15-17.

Hosted by champion coach Norman Black, the Burlington works sponsored project received commendations from the Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMA), Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) and the Sports Commentators Organization of the Philippines (SCOOP) for providing valuable lessons on air on the proper way to play the game. It was also cited for giving opportunities for our less fortunate brethren to be part of the program.

Starters of this Burlington fourth number 234 will be hosted to five volumes of HOT episodes with top PBA players in the late 90's such as Sandhoy Lim, Allan Caidic, Bunyo Pinto and Abe King as guests of Black. Former UST players such as Ed Cordero are likewise expected to grace the Burlington booth.

Burlington Bedfresh socks, wristbands, headbands, towels, foot powder/spray will also be sold at marked down prices during the three day event which is part of the quadricentennial celebrations of the University of Santo Tomas.

Tour of Luzon champ at Pollen B booth at SMX

2009 Tour of Luzon champion Mark Gorrares is expected to be at the Pollen B booth at Thomasian Global Trade Expo at SMX Convention Center in Pasay City. Next Health Inc, the local distributor of Pollen B, has invited the bikathon king and its endorser to grace its booth number 118 from Oct 15-17. Next Health Showcase announced that Pollen B will be sold at discounted prices during the 3-day event which is in line with the quadricentennial celebration of the University of Santo Tomas.

The cycling king is proud to be associated with a product from England that has been known for decades as a natural health supplement for eye and vitality. "Pollen B boosts my endurance in the gruelling laps of the cycling competitions," he said. Pollen B has been cited by riders in Europe in improving an athlete's performance in international competitions including the Olympics.

The unique food supplement in tablet form is made with pure bee-collected pollen. It contains 16 vitamins, 14 enzymes, 10 minerals, 20 nutrients and 18 amino acids. Pollen B is available at Mercury Drug and other drugstores nationwide. For inquiries, call 726-9119.

Allegeni STAINLESS STEEL

PREMIUM STAINLESS STEEL SHEETS

JAC Refine

VISIT US AT THOMASIAN GLOBAL TRADE EXPO

October 15 to 17 at the SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia Complex, Manila

JAC STALLION PICK UP

• 4x4 PICK UP
• 4x2 PORKCHOP
• 2.8 L. 4DI/DTL
• 4x2 PICK UP
• TURBO INTERCOOLER

• 2800 2.8 L TURBO INTERCOOLER
• 12-15 SEATER VAN
• FUEL EFFICIENT

Another Quality Product of JAC MOTORS DRIVE PROGRESS

NOW ACCEPTING DEALERSHIP NATIONWIDE!

PCA seeks proof of virgin coco oil's benefits

By Kristine L. Alave

THE GOVERNMENT is looking for proof of the miracle of the virgin coconut oil.

Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) administrator Oscar Garin has issued an invitation to local researchers to participate in the government's initiative to test for the beneficial effects of virgin coconut oil, noting that anecdotal stories are not enough to establish its efficacy.

"There would after the market launch of the virgin coconut oil, what we have accused so far is a rapidly growing market which gives credence to the health enhancing capabilities of the product as spread by personal testimonies and anecdotal stories of people from around the world," Garin said.

The PCA official said a definitive medical and scientific study would alleviate critics of the product. Lack of medical proof of the oil's benefits made it easy to malign virgin coconut oil abroad, he noted.

With the participation of scientists and researchers from various institutions, it would be easier for the international community to accept the findings, he added.

"Without a solid clinical and medical study in our hands, we may not hold a secure and sustainable future for the virgin coconut oil and other coconut-based food products," Garin said.

According to Garin, there were anecdotal stories attesting to the beneficial effects of coconut oil. Some testified that it is the healthiest oil on earth and helped cure cancer and various diseases, propelling a boom in the coconut industry a few years ago.

"However these stories still cannot substitute clinical study to once and for all establish that indeed virgin coconut oil and coconut cooking oil are beneficial to body cholesterol," Garin said.

The administrator noted that a study of medical and clinical study on the effects of virgin coconut oil would be a boost to the entire coconut industry.

The Philippines is one of the major coconut growers in the world. The country's exports of coconut products still likely hit a record high this year as global demand and prices of coconut oil and products soar, surveying by the PCA official revealed.

As of June this year, the volume of coconut exports jumped 126 percent to 1.23 million metric tons from 539,887 metric tons recorded in the same period in 2009, the PCA said.

idec
Split Type Wall Mounted Aircon
1hp-P16,500
Free Installation!
Also Available : Inverter Series.

HBW White Glue
Dries quickly. Glues paper, wood, leather, cloth & etc.
ALL BOOKSTORES, WHOLESALERS & PROVINCIAL OUTLETS

SPEECHPOWER
Your choice of private tutorial or small group classes.
NEW CLASSES IN
English Conversation Fluency
Intensive Pronunciation Course
American Accent Training
Oral Presentation Skills
Vocabulary Enrichment Course
Intensive Grammar Review
Speed Reading & Comprehension
50% discount
Classes Begin on October 18
SP-Espana 7357256 7357212
SP-Buendia 8332836 8332921

"BIDA NG BODEGA"
PALLETS
RACKMASTER ECR
LOADMASTER
COFTA ORIGINAL
POWER

SKYNET TRAVEL

BIG SALE!
COPYTRADE.

Study in Australia & USA
Free Seminar
October 23 (Saturday) 2-5 PM at Coco Palace Hotel, San Pablo City, Laguna
October 24 (Sunday) 2-5 PM at Avila Royale Hotel, Lipa City, Batangas
Get FREE expert information on Australian & USA education, options, course entry and student visa procedures.
www.philippines.idp.com
With IDP you'll be better placed.
idp

TOSHIBA
Leading Innovation >>>
25
TEXTURE Makes The Difference
Satellite C640D with VISION Technology from AMD.
The essential notebook that makes you look & feel good.
Satellite C640D-101SU
P2,249.17
VISION

EVERY DROP OF GREEN CBD PLUS ASSURES YOU OF A HEALTHY MIND AND BODY.
P550
DISCOVER THE DROPS! DISCOVER THE POWER
Watsons Youth Star Drug
Customer Care Hotline 0922 841 2627

RP deserves better credit rating, says Noynoy

By Norman Bordadora

PRESIDENT AQUINO indicated that the Philippines deserves a higher credit rating than its present two to three notches below investment grade.

Mr. Aquino said the government's able management of its budget deficit that even results of its a P1.5-billion surplus in August and the country's removal by the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation (OECD) from the list of non-cooperative jurisdictions.

"I guess the message of the OECD is also another factor that can be considered. Also, the management of the deficit that gave us a surplus at this point for August," President Aquino told reporters.

"I think all of these are positive factors and even just maintaining the ratings at this point in time is an idea enough of a confidence-building measure for all of these investors," he added.

President Aquino said the government intends to make the business atmosphere better for investors.

"For instance, they invest in our stock market among other things. So what we intend to do is to really make the environment that stocks move knowing we all of these investments are that the jobs which we promised five in our platform will happen," President Aquino said.

Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's rate the Philippines three notches below investment grade while Fitch rates it at two notches below investment grade. All three rate the country "stable" or with no danger of getting a downgrade.

Over 70 rat-borne diseases identified to date:

Would you risk the plague?

RATS carry many potentially life-threatening diseases such as Murine Typhus, Dysentery, Salmonella, Bubonic Plague and Rabies. A staggering 3.6 million rats are estimated to be born each day. Each one is a potential carrier or vector for one or more of the 70 known rat-borne diseases identified so far. They jeopardize our health and should be considered a serious threat.

Rat-bite fever (RBF) is a bacterial illness caused by Streptobacillus Moniliformis and acquired through the bite or scratch of a rodent or the ingestion of food or water contaminated with rat feces. Small children are particularly likely to be bitten by rodents and are therefore most likely to contract rat-bite fever. Symptoms include fever, chills, nausea and vomiting, headache, and pain in the back and joints. People with RBF are at risk of developing serious infections of the heart (endocarditis), the ear containing the brain (pneumonia), the coverings of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis), or lungs (pneumonia).

Protect your family and home with the Bayer Advanced Racumin Rodent Control System.

Each Racumin product contains Coumatetralyl which slowly kills rats so they won't develop "bait shyness" or resistance it with danger.

Use Racumin Tracking Powder, which is odorless as bait and also doubles as a tracking powder to help identify where rats dwell. Used with mice as well as rats with Ready-Use Racumin Ready-Made Bait ready from August one which could bring rodents find irresistible bait for utmost convenience. Racumin Paste is easy-to-use rat bait can be placed wherever and whenever you suspect rats threaten your home.

I trust my Bayer.

Bayer Environmental Science

Hotline number 721-0600 E-mail sales.support@racumin.com.ph

Luzon to suffer rotating outages

By Amy R. Remo

POWER CONSUMERS in Luzon may encounter re-outflow or brownouts to two-hour rotating blackouts on Monday unless repairs at the two coal-fired power plants are completed at the weekend.

"There will be no brownouts during the weekend, but we need to ensure that supply will be sufficient by Monday," said Energy Secretary Jose Rene D. Almendras.

The rotating brownouts started at 10 a.m. yesterday because of the emergency shutdown of a unit of the 1,200-megawatt (MW) coal facility in Pangasinan and one unit of the 700-MW Pagbilao power plant in Quezon, said the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP).

These facilities logged down in the early hours of Friday because of boiler and condenser tube leaks.

Reduced capacity

Approving the power supply shortage was the reduced capacity of the 344MW Magat hydropower facility, which was running only a fifth of its capacity at 80MW as of Friday.

In a press briefing yesterday, NGCP spokesperson Cynthia Alabastro said the Luzon grid has 3820MW from the output of the Pagbilao unit; 647MW from the Sual unit; and 224MW from the reduced Magat generating capacity.

This caused yesterday's rotating brownouts, which lasted from one to four hours in Metro Manila and nearby provinces like Batangas, Cavite, Bataan, Rizal and Quezon. But the so-called regulating and spinning reserves mitigated the impact of the outages, trimming the power supply deficit to only 113MW.

As there has been no advisory on whether the repairs on the Sual and Pagbilao plants will be completed over the weekend, there is a chance that the rotating brownouts will continue until Monday, when peak demand was estimated to reach 6,748MW.

"The owners of Sual (Team Energy) said they had a start up of their power plants, but we are not yet assured if those plants will not bog down again. We need to have something to back up supply just in case Sual will still not run. Pagbilao has yet to inform us when it will be online. So, mitigating measures will have to be there," Almendras explained.

One of those mitigating measures is to energize the 250MW unit of the 600MW Malaya thermal power plant, a standby power facility.

Power interruptions

"The entry of this plant is expected to reduce the length of power interruptions to one hour during the peak of 6 to 7 p.m. If Malaya fails to go online, however, outages are expected to last for two to three hours," Alabastro added.

According to Almendras, if they can convince the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) to allow the Magat hydropower plant to use part of the water intended for irrigation for power generation instead, this could avail more additional 95MW by the Luzon grid.

"We are holding talks with the NIA to allow the dispatch (95MW) from Magat," he said.

But Alabastro noted that these mitigating measures will only cut the length of the rotating brownouts.

What is really crucial for power supply is normalize it is to have the Sual and Pagbilao units operating again by Monday, she said.

This means that the repairs have to be completed over the weekend so that the facilities will have time to gradually ramp up capacities over the next two days.

Comelec to probe ₱14.5-M ballot spoilage

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE COMMISSION on Elections (Comelec) yesterday said it would look into the increase in ballot spoilage that cost the agency ₱14.5 million for the upcoming synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections.

Election commissioner Rene Sarmiento disclosed that the agency's newly constituted Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) had notified the Comelec en banc of the need of additional 500 reams of ballot paper for, among a five-percent rate in ballot spoilage.

In an interview with reporters yesterday he explained that while the National Printing Office (NPO) requested for extra 500 reams, the election body has decided to procure 1,000 reams from Manila Paper Mills Inc., to save the agency some ₱1 million in expenses.

Ordering 500 reams of ballot paper would cost the Comelec ₱16.5 million while purchasing 1,000 reams would only amount to only ₱14.5 million, said Sarmiento.

People's money

The remaining 500 reams that will not be used will be allotted for subsequent electoral exercises, such as plebiscites, special elections and recall elections, he said.

"But still it's ₱14.5 million," he told reporters. "I think the public will be concerned because this is the people's money. I think we have to look into this," he added.

In a resolution issued yesterday, the Comelec said it has authorized the BAC to resort to a repeat order from the paper supplier as it was "impractical" to conduct another competitive bidding with the barangay elections set on Oct. 25.

Comelec record shows that over 52.7 million voters have registered for the barangay balloting.

Noah's Paper Mills, who was the winning bidder, completely delivered 9,932 reams of paper amounting to over ₱71.8 million for use in the printing of barangay official ballots on Oct. 6.

Ballot spoilage

But the NPO has requested for an additional 500 reams of paper to compensate for the spoilage in the printing of official ballots for the elections.

Sarmiento yesterday said that the agency might have to form a committee to look into the ballot spoilage, which BAC chairman Ferdinand Rubiatos said was higher than the usual two percent projection by the panel.

"The Comelec en banc would have to find out what caused the spoilage but I think a committee has to be formed to look into this, to find out who fell short—was it the BAC or was it because of the inefficiency or incompetence of the NPO?" said Sarmiento.

But he said the planned inquiry would take place only after the barangay elections due to time constraints.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

OPINION

Grit and glory

EDITORIAL

THE ASSOCIATED Press has called it "the largest underground nightmare in history"—but with a miraculous caveat. "It ended safely—and faster than anyone expected."

Indeed, the saga of the 33 Chilean miners trapped for 69 days at an unimaginable depth but now rescued through a risky but flawlessly executed operation, with no loss of life, has captured the imagination of the world as no other recent happening has. Not since the final game of the last World Cup in South Africa has the global community been riveted by real-time images of a single event transpiring on television screens everywhere.

The miners, virtually unknown before this incident, have emerged into a world completely different from the one they had just been. Now, they're being feted as heroes and celebrities, embossed and congratulated by heads of state and various dignitaries, their stories and reminiscences about their underground ordeal becoming instant fodder for the 24-7 global news and entertainment mill.

To be sure, the story of how they survived for more than two months at a depth of more 300 meters—how they stayed when the mine collapsed; how they kept their wits about them in the deadening, dead-air darkness; how they conserved with each other and managed to keep the whole group together and apparently in high spirits through the long, lonely wait for rescue; and, up above, how their families and kin rode out the days of anguish and pain—the sheer persistence of human drama in this story rises out for a near, sweeping panorama, an easily discernible moral lesson.

Even now, even as the TV cameras have yet to decamp from the premises of the San Jose Mine in Chile, their leaders still on the prowl for one more heart-tugging scene to be mulled over, this instant classic of a story's event, let's not be lulled to think this incredible tale of grit and glory is merely on its way to being remade and filtered through the default story-telling instruments of our time: a fine-grained non-fiction book, perhaps, a riveting inspirational movie, a video game—or, more tweetably, a reality show à la "Survivor," but this time involving crumbling mine shafts and trapped miners of various ethnicities and permutations ranging at each other through their ordeal.

Amid the crush of kiling rights and microphones, the pixs of Mario Sepúlveda, the wisecal miner to be rescued, was hearing re-lieve: "The only thing I'll ask of you is that you don't treat me as an actor or a journalist, but as a miner," he said. "I was born a miner and I'll die a miner."

Ironically, Sepúlveda has emerged as the most loquacious and quote-worthy of the rescued group, his assured, unscorching TV interview right after his ride to safety all but securing him a long career as a valued guest or interviewee in worldwide programs and newscasts that are bound to revisit, ad nauseam, his and his co-workers' buoyed entombment.

There is no gainsaying, of course, the authentically edifying nature of their unwavering story. A world more often caught in a daily blizzard of bad news, of unending tales of misery and famine and wars and governmental rot, cannot be blamed if it finds itself caught up in collective jubilation, erupting in whoops of joy at the hour by-hour arrival from the darkness of men so obscure and ordinary before this time that, were it not for this gripping ordeal, they would never have merited a second look.

These brave men deserve the heartfelt cheers that now ricochet down to the light of day. But, henceforth, they also deserve to be left alone—for a while, as far as words do they want to. They need time and space to get their bearings back, to savor simple private joys in the company of family and friends, to re-orient themselves to a radically different environment where their changed status might now prove a source of new burdens and strains on their battered egos. They survived, all right, but they still have to wend through so much. The world should let them catch their breath for now.

Beyond the general exhilaration and feelings of warmth at the happy conclusion of the saga are questions that need to be answered: Why do miners continue to be subjected to such terrifying risks? What safety standards were neglected and how thoroughly were the security preparations that will minimize the down-sized rare in and around 33 human beings, beyond ordinary rescue for 69 nightmarish days?

The families of 29 of the 33 workers have reportedly filed suit against the mine operators, seeking $12 million in damages. After the euphoria, the hard smells. May they emerge intact and unshackled as well.

Publisher Isaac Belmonte
Editor in Chief Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc
Managing Editor Lisa Ma. D. Molave
Associate Editor Armando E. Doronila
Associate Editor for Business Rosario E. Garcia, Jr.
Opinion Editor Juan V. Mercado
Deputy Editor Antonio T. Bandoquio Jr. • Chief, Page One Operations Hazel B. Pulido
Chief, News Desk Cielo R. Alcaraz-Sio
Supervising Editor Philippine Daily Inquirer Jr.
Senior Desk Editor Jean P. Sumagaysay Jr.
Editorial Coordinator Augusto Boncodin
Chief Photographer Raul E. Dancel Jr.
Art & Design Chief Lisa F. A. Villarino

Board Chairman Hans R. Pestle
President Alejandro Pinto-Roman III
Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing Bienvenido C. Ramos
Vice President for Advertising Hazel B. Olaguer
Vice President for Info Tech and Production Gary G. Lim
Vice President for Finance Jose M. Valencia
Art & Design Manager Hilario Andres R. Galicia IV
Corporate Affairs Manager Corina R. Kalaw-Lim

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, distributed or transmitted in any form or by any means, including photocopying, recording or other electronic or mechanical methods, without the prior written permission of the publisher, except in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical reviews and certain other noncommercial uses permitted by copyright law.

Kindergarten 101

VIEWPOINT

Jean I. Mercado

"THE LOLA sat down and ate the rice I gave. Then, she cried," one 4-year-old granddaughter Kelsey explained. "The two children who lost me the necklace I put on their rice," her 7-year-old sister Kirstie added.

Welcome to Kindergarten 101 on Images.

Kirstie is a first grader and Kelsie is in kindergarten. Both study in Cebu International School. Sundays, their parents drive them to where many out-of-school kids cluster. The two share with them food packs they've prepared.

"Wagamama ayaw pakuha ng rice," Kirstie shared, "like Buddha taught. For now, that will do Kirstie and Kelsie. Later, they'll learn that 17 out of every 100 youngsters can't even enroll in primary school. They'll see that the kids they shared food with had dressed dressed for the ball instead. Torn, worn at the shirt. The rubber and I will be poor by then.

"Large numbers start doing after they are born," says the new report "Missing the Mark: Status of the Millennium Development Goals in the Philippines." Its key findings? Kids are "comparable to the prevalence of underweight children, under 5 years of age, in sub-Saharan Africa."

In Burundi, Madagascar and Malawi, poor nutrition starts about half of the children's eyes 20:20. Global Hunger Index. Ineffective. Government's inefficient quest into hunger and high infant mortality.

That's a stark snapshot for "World Food Day." Over 150 nations mark every Oct. 16, their commitment to fill stomachs—and halt poverty.

Remember the 1974 World Food Conference? Over 130 countries, led by Henry Kissinger proposed a pang for ideal. Food and Agriculture Organization members nations should ensure that "within a decade, no child should go to bed hungry."

It didn't work out that way.

Rolling food prices, the financial crisis not to forget natural disasters, the number of hungry people knock the one-billion threshold line, said. "Don't wait. A hungry man is to watch your face," a Tibetan proverb cautions.

Here Filipinos are hungry now than in 2008. That was when the Philippines and 180 other countries, pledged to meet Millennium Development Goals (MDG). The eight goals set minimum targets that would stamp down hunger, keep kids in school, cut down maternal deaths and enforce freedoms.

MDG Goal 1 committed us to "halve the proportion of people who suffer hunger" by 2015. How far have we engaged?

Only four out of every 10 Filipino households get "the recommended energy intake per person," the last national nutrition survey reports, for all the technical jargon and that reads: At least half of Filipino do not get enough food.

Social Weather Stations cited poor quality, since 1998, poverty and empty bellies. Layer of "window dressing," 2003 says "self-rated hunger" as its main gauge. Food lack emerges next. Last that "than traditional poor-and-vulnerable sectors."

Hunger levels worsened, 2003 found. But starting June 2004, three climbed to double-digit levels. They've never returned to single-digit levels. And malnutrition is deadliest in the households.

"The poor and excluded, in 2010, live in total contrast to the rest in Asia Monday," the report notes. They are the landless, homeless, jobless, undernourished, uneducated, sick, underemployed and discriminated against. Many are women, Muslims and indigenous peoples.

Chipping away at chronic hunger isn't enough. There are 4.6 million poor households. Over 20 percent, under the age of 5, are underweight. The stunted rate at 28 percent. The highest incidence of World kids always in places like Ilocos, Zamboanga Peninsula and the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The MDG target on hunger alleviation "is way off track." If we're to catch up, framework and opportunities will no longer do.

Hundreds of 120 chronically and transition countries "show the window of opportunity for improving nutrition spans from conception to age two. After age two, the negative effects of undernutrition are largely irreversible," cautions the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in World Food Day report.

Child undernutrition could be cut by 25-36 percent, IFPRI adds. But outsized leaders must "make nutrition, especially for young children, a political priority." Passed words taxes to others they will do the good good—among prepared and unprecedented nations and children that fit no cookie-cutter.

President Aquino worked in huger allocations for education, health and poverty-reduction in the proposed 2011 budget. But it is modest start. But "our resolve does not make a summer."

Philippine Institute of Development Studies' Poverty Measure estimates P180.4 billion should beef up allocations for education, health, water and sanitation, and poverty reduction. That didn't happen when a President feasted at Le Cirque on a cost of $10,000 and Feeds Americas Foundation for UMA Filipino Encouraged Agency Talents.

MDG conferees offer the "Innovative Budget Initiative" (IBI). There focus on where the poor are, explains Lester Magtulis Briones, convener of South Watch Philippines, which coalesces 30 civil society groups and go to agriculture and fisheries, women, indigenous peoples and Mindanao.

"I don't like marshmallows," Kirstie grates. "Don't eat that," her sister Kelsie snaps. "Many children have nothing to eat." Will children in government hold this Kindergarten class? 2017? We would have graduated. That no longer "hinders the voices of orphans and playdead to the right of widows."

Email: jeanmercado@gmail.com

Again

GET REAL

Walter Cullar-Howard

TWENTY YEARS ago, the Davide Commission was tasked to investigate the failed coup d'etat of December 1989, during which 91 people were killed and 570 were wounded. After a year's work, during which it investigated not only the 1989 coup attempt but the six previous ones against President Cory Aquino, the Davide Commission issued a 734-page report which, among other things, recommended "riskwars with the charge, for lesser of all hours. So, in valid instances delivering the attachment of their properties, and punishment to the full extent of the law for those found guilty to participate. Those with lesser offenses should be meted out graduated punishment." In other words, throw the book at them.

The Davide Report exhaustively analyzed the politicization of the military as a complex, long-term problem, with no quick-fix solutions. It wasn't born about guarding treasury to stop plotters, focusing once how the rebels left off with fight chops on the reasons to made to do participate, cropped up the bad persons, investigating coup attempt after coup. Although against Cory The government, it asserted, "should not allow itself to be manipulated into a grandstand program to start with a clean slate' since that argument was used to a plea in past coup attempts to merely promise government to 'reform' while rebels." Nonetheless, amnesty should be "judiciously applied," and extended only to "young officers (majors and below) who are not principals and who have recognized service records, provided they renounce all coups, pledge not to have any involvement in secret societies or planning for a coup, and agree to resign from the armed forces.

You can get much clearer than that.

Yet, President Fidel Ramos, Cory's successor who, in her Armed Forces chief of staff, recommended punishment for the rebels to the full extent of energy, did the exact opposite of what the Davide report advised. He not only left unheeded many of the Davide Report recommendations; in 1995 he granted an unconditional amnesty to 3,771 military officers and soldiers who participated in the 1987 and 1989 coup attempts—including full reinstatement for 133 officers, and 1,075 soldiers who requested for them. Some were even later promoted, such as Army Col. Alex Balutan who, flattered with triumph, was quoted as saying, "Coups are a thing of the past."

Because his words Berenguer, of course, the Enlisted coup attempt occurred on July 27, 2003 (as well as the subsequent Manila Peninsular stand-off incidents), the time had by junior officers, like Antonio Trillanes, another fact-finding body, the Feliciano Commission, investigated Enlisted and found that, contrary to Trillanes' assertion that it was "spontaneous," Enlisted was the result of months of planning. Moreover, it cited the involvement of then former Sen. Sergio Osmeña who, after the coup attempts against Cory, established a "public rebels." Nonetheless, amnesty Enlisted, according to the Feliciano Commission, was a coup attempt, the goal of which was to remove by force duly-elected government officials as well as senior military officers who would not voluntarily give up power.

The Feliciano Commission again strongly recommended: "Enforce the law against all officers—young officers, troops and civilian partners in coup plots must be treated in accordance with law to protect and restore the rule of regularity." What's the cause "... failure on the part of the Government to enforce the law deprives the law of its power to deter, particularly among those who had engaged in previous coup plots ..... but who were granted unconditional amnesty in 1995 without prior punishment." Citing the historical evidence, it continued: "A number of former coup plotters who had been pardoned for their participation in the coup attempts of the 1980s and returned to the military after the 1995 grant of an unconditional amnesty ... have turned their back on military adventurism. Members of their ranks did not join the Magdalo group in Oakwood. But some of those who received unconditional amnesty without prior punishment were on the list of members of the National Recovery Program Council. This suggests that **consistent enforcement of the law may be a critical factor in neutralizing the coup virus.**" (emphasis supplied)

He can't get much clearer than that, either.

The two conclusions make the point that civilian participants should be prosecuted because they are part of the problem of military adventurism.

Now comes President Aquino, with Proclamation 50, in effect turning his back on the findings and recommendations of both the Davide and the Feliciano commissions, in spite of the lessons of history. And again pointing amnesty not only to the military involved, but also "supporters" (presumably civilians), who avail their duly be. And while the coup plotters have not yet availed of it, they get their entitlement and pension benefits.

We should caution that there is a "chasm from certain sectors of society" urging him to grant amnesty, and "in order to produce an atmosphere conducive to a just...reaching out to all sectors." The only sector who can't "disavowing" were rotor-members who have attacked military and, of course, the coup planners themselves. And to the Davide and Feliciano commissions point out, this is not the way to neutralize the coup virus and military adventurism.

The real reasons? How about personal, partisan political considerations? In any case, it looks like P-Noy has stepped off his lonely straight and narrow path. Again.

Cross-sections of P-Noy's rating

LETS THIS a closer look at the satisfaction ratings of President Benigno Aquino, in the context of the new 2010 release published in BusinessWorld. "High expectations of P-Noy to keep his promises, and to serve the poor," on Oct. 11, and "41% distrustful with government handling of Aquino 23 hostage crisis: 83% said media coverage could be justified," on Oct. 14. Both were based on the Sept. 16-27, 2010 Social Weather Survey.

The Oct. 11 report said that 40 percent rated President Noynoy Aquino's overall net mean of the positives as in the form of the Nation Address Stated Just to by Fair composition, only 39 percent expected President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's form all at first of the promises in her first State of July 2001, when publicity SWS in September 2001.

Cross-sectoral by class wise survey. The new survey found that 55 percent rate P-Noy serving the middle class, 48 percent saw him serving the poor, and 23 percent saw him serving the rich. On the other hand, only 19 percent rated GMA served the poor, 11 percent said she served the middle class, and a majority of 56 percent said she served the rich, when last polled in 1998 in September 2007. Those numbers add up to over 100 percent due to the grouping of multiple responses. Without usage rated, the percentages are:

Perceived class served:	GMA, 2007	P-Noy, 2010
Poor only	13.8	31.8
Poor and middle class and rich	4.3	14.4
Poor and middle class	0.3	4.3
Poor and rich	0.9	1.1
Middle class only	25.4	38.1
Middle class and rich	1.3	1.3
Rich only	52.2	9.6
Don't know/refused	2.0	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0

Social Climate

Mahar Mangahas

The total of 40 percent seeing P-Noy serving the poor is the sum of the first four rows in the table. There are 27.8 percent seeing him serving only the poor, and 16.2 percent seeing him serving the middle class and/or the rich also.

On the other hand, of the dominant 55 percent who saw GMA serving the rich, 52 percent saw her serving only the rich, and 3 percent saw her serving only the middle class and/or the poor.

In short, the current president is highly seen as biased for the poor, and the previous one was even admittedly seen as biased for the rich. Last June's attempt by Gloria Arroyo to promote the budgetary depiction of the conditional cash transfer program, the only saving grace of her term administration, probably cemented her image.

Public perception of class bias in school to public satisfaction with a president's performance. The breakdown of President Noynoy's September 2010 net satisfaction finds it at +46 among those serving him as poor poor, +44 among those serving him as poor-middle class, and +32 among those serving him as poor rich. The net poor image was not around for P-Noy's net satisfaction rating of "very good" (which starts at +50), yet it was good (+30).

On the other hand, tabulation by class bias of President Arroyo's September 2007 net satisfaction ratings shows that it was a "good" +30 among those who saw her as poor poor, a "moderate" +18 among those who saw her as poor middle class, and a "bad" -30 among those who called her poor rich. The weighted average of those three scores was a "poor" 11. Thus Gloria Arroyo raising to September 2007 might not have been negative were it not for her image of being pro-rich. The image of her class bias was roughly the same in September 2003, the other time SWS polled on it, as I suppose it prevailed in her last seven years.

Gloria Arroyo's first administration performance on the hostage crisis. The Oct. 14 SWS report said that 36 percent were satisfied, and 41 percent were dissatisfied, resulting in a net satisfaction rating of -5, with the performance of "the national government" as handled with the 23 hostage crisis. Although disappointingly negative, this -5 is comparatively classified by SWS as "neutral" because single-digit scores of +10 to -9 are not too different from zero.

The Oct. 14 report added: "41% distrustful with the handling of the hostage crisis, it would surely still have rounded "very good," which begins at +50.

Other bias factors. Besides class bias factors, namely perceived class bias and administration performance on the hostage crisis, to be possibly related to presidential popularity, bastardly, being pro-rich and failing to rescue hostages are the two strongest factors that the public must think they were the only, or even the most important, factors bearing on the presidential rating.

Every quarterly Social Weather Survey includes the people's grades of government performance in nine areas, established in March 2000 as a control to the president's overall grade, and the degrees of concentration are different.

* * *

Many thanks to Linn Borja and Mahar Lagumbay of SWS, for the special tabulations used in this column.

* * *

Contact SWS: www.sws.org.ph or mahar@sws.org.ph.

Chances

I STILL have died on the night of Dec. 16, 2005. Some say I was just damn lucky to escape death. They describe my car driving the incident as a miracle. Others say it's fate.

Whatever they call my near-death experience it was for me something that offered a "second chance" of life. I survived. And never would I be the same again.

That night, I was taught a million things about life. I learned to make de-

cisions even if I must choose between two things I desire so much. I learned to take a stand and fight for what I want. I learned to appreciate the simple things in life and value the persons who truly become. I also learned that it doesn't matter what people say about me as long as I know that I'm not doing anything wrong. I realized that failure is nothing but a lesson that we should never be afraid. And most of all, I learned never to let any opportunity pass me by because opportunities are rare. We should always take risks because there is no guarantee that we'll still be alive tomorrow. Take it from a girl living a second life.

Taking chances leads the strategic And it leads me love life without hesitation. Although there are still times that I regret the choices I've made, I've never turned back down. I am proud of myself for having survived the experiences that have come my way even if I was not successful in handling some of them. As Michael Jordan says it, one should learn to accept failure. What's unacceptable is not to try at all.

I'm thankful that I listened to the admonitions and reminders of my loved ones. Their words and utmost care have guided me to overcome my mistakes and to become a better person.

I'm glad that I took the chance of joining writing contests during my elementary and high school days. With every award or failure to win one, I learned how to hone my writing skills or how to accept defeat.

I feel fulfilled that I took the opportunity to go into training. It taught me how to be independent, how to value money, how to handle responsibility and how to share my knowledge with young people.

I also feel satisfied for boldly taking on the challenge of being part of one university paper and keeping my scholarship at the same time. As early as now, I know those things will help me to be more focused and disciplined—traits which I'm sure would be useful to me when I take on the bigger challenges of the real world.

Most of all, I'm very happy that I followed my heart and took up journalism in college. Most people say that there is no money in writing. Yes, it's true. But at the end of the day, it's still being happy with what you do that counts. What I look back, I would want to see myself in someone who lived a simple yet fruitful life, not only for myself but for other people as well.

Here's the downside: some say the mortality rate among journalists is high. This sounds true, especially here in our country it is sad to note that the government seems indifferent to this matter. With 32 media workers killed in the gory Maguindanao massacre last Nov. 23 and a number of journalists slain earlier and thereafter, I hope the new administration would finally have the guts to take action rather than keep on paying lip service to the issue.

At times, I think about this issue. And the thought of not having a job after college or putting my life at risk in the line of duty scares me. But whatever is bound to happen will happen. We can't go on living in fear. Because the moment we decide to give up and stop trying or taking chances is a moment we decide to surrender ourselves. Because that is considered a defeat.

I know that I am barely halfway in my life's journey. There will still be many obstacles along the way. And with each obstacle I know more chances will come knocking on my door. And I believe that with hard work, passion, focus and faith in God, I will eventually get where I have decided to go. I believe every opportunity is a blessing. And every failure and defeat is a lesson learned.

For all this, I would like to extend my deepest and sincere gratitude to all the people who have become part of my life and my ongoing journey. I thank my family for always supporting me all the way and for always believing in what even talents I have. I thank my friends who have stayed by my side. I thank them for always reminding me that I am far from perfect and that I still have a lot to learn.

Also, I thank my elementary and high school teachers. They were the ones who saw my talent and encouraged me to pursue it. I thank one of my college professors as well whom I consider my friend and mentor. I thank her for her wisdom, for sharing life's lessons and for constantly reminding me to believe in myself and to always remain humble amid the praises and achievements.

Of course, I thank the persons who saved my life. It's weird to say, I wouldn't be here at all chatting after my dreams and cherishing every moment of my life.

And most of all, I thank God for giving me the ability to be one with my pen and express myself through words.

Chances. Everyone is blessed with opportunities. Some have just no idea of what to do with them. Most people spend a lifetime questioning and thinking of what could have been had they decided otherwise. I consider myself among the lucky ones who have discovered the importance of making the most out of every opportunity that comes one's way.

Put away all your inhibitions. Dare. Discover the world. And seize every moment.

Cassandra Lynn Dizon, 20, is a second-year journalism student at the Ateneo de Manila University.

Young Blood

Cassandra Lynn Dizon

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? Any welcome contributions from the twenty-something crowd below.—Ed.

Notice to Youngblood contributors:

Send your contributions by e-mail to youngblood@inquirer.com.ph together with your address, age and the school, course and year you're enrolled in, if employed, the position you're holding and the company you work with. Contributions to Youngblood should not have been previously published.

Reforms first or K+12 means nothing

THE RESULTS of the 2008 Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Survey (FLEMMS) are finally out. As expected, there are good and bad signs as well as bad.

Among Filipinos between 10 and 64 years old, the ability to read, write and compute went up from 84.1 percent in 2003 to 88.3 percent in 2008. Comprehension skills likewise increased from 66 to 73 percent.

This means that the number of those who cannot compute went down slightly from 16 percent in 2003 to 12 percent in 2008. The percentage of those who cannot understand what they read went down from 34 to 30 after five years. This is the good news.

The bad news is that the number of individuals lacking in reasoning and comprehension skills actually grew. This was due to the rapid population increase. Of 67 million in 2008 compared to only 57.3 million in 2003. Translated into absolute figures, non-access Filipinos in 2008 stood at 7.1 million, which was almost the same as in 2003. Those who lack comprehension abilities increased from 16.6 million in 2003 to 20.1 million individuals in 2008.

Computation and comprehension skills were tested in the FLEMMS survey through a self-administered questionnaire accomplished by a sample of around 70,000 individuals throughout the country.

The questions for testing reasoning ability were as follows:

- If a kilo of rice costs P25, how much will two kilos cost?
- If 3 kilo of sugar costs P18, how much will half a kilo cost?

Those who answered these questions correctly were classified as functionally literate at level 2.

To test comprehension ability, respondents were tasked to read the following paragraph in English or in version in 26 Philippine languages:

"The depletion of my forests is one of the most serious environmental problems of the Philippines. It causes frequent floods and loss of lands and crops and property are destroyed and many lives are lost because of frequent floods."

Based on this paragraph you read, what are the effects of forest depletion?

Those who answered this question correctly were classified as functionally literate at level 3.

In the survey high school graduates or those with higher education were also considered functionally literate or level 4.

How could so many people fail to answer such simple problems in arithmetic and comprehension? These are the kind of issues in education that people would like to see the Aquino administration solve. Any plan to extend the educational cycle from the present 10 years to the internationally accepted standard of 12 years must be closely driven to address directly with fundamental issues like improving learning outcomes, reducing the drop-out rates, late-quality textbooks, poor teaching methods and lack of classrooms.

This is the reason why many people like former Education Undersecretary Abraham Felipe doubt that lengthening the education cycle from 10 years to 12 years (K+12) is the right first step in fixing our education woes. In remarks made in 1995, a Department of Education study, called the Survey of Outcomes of Elementary Education (SoutEd), reported that Grade 6 pupils are measured by achievement tests to have a little bit more than Grade 5 pupils. Thirty-four years after SoutEd, this situation has shown no remarkable improvement. Dr. Felipe warns that if the 8 + 12 plan were hastily adopted, pretty soon the problem would be how to produce a poor quality 12-year cycle.

The point then is why should we start the K+12 plan if that it can only work if other reforms in the basic education cohorts agenda are also put in place and implemented. One of these is another unique-based multilingual education which because the fundamental education policy since As by 14, 2009 but has not been mentioned at all by Education Secretary.

Another initiative that will surely go a long way in improving the quality of research, especially in education. It is recognized worldwide that evidence-based or research-based policy environment is the only means to rationally and scientifically approach problems in education at all levels of quality.

The Fund for Assistance to Private Education (FAPE)—Philippine Education Assistance Committee has spearheaded the setting up of an online Philippine Education Research Journal (PERJ) to promote and encourage original empirical studies in the field of education. The PERJ is the first scientific-based research on education, supported by systematically collected data and the use of powerful quantitative tools, can give a better picture of the educational realities in the country. PERJ aims to help our country's lawmakers and education planners in their decision-making processes, curriculum and in improving the country's school systems.

FAPE executive director Carol C. Pesio says that PERJ (http://www.perj.org) is a freely accessible, peer reviewed, scientific online publication that reports and discusses important educational issues affecting the Philippines. PERJ publishes original empirical studies or researches that address substantively significant issues in theory and/or practice, with the use of rigorous methods. Its topics also includes such areas as human development, human capital formation, formal and informal education, and lifelong learning. PERJ maintains a battery of 16 editorial consultants from a wide range of disciplines, known and respected in the academic world.

Ricardo Ma. Nolasco (rnolasco@upecdpi.edu.ph) is an associate professor in linguistics in UP Diliman.

Commentary

Ricardo Ma. Nolasco, Ph.D

K+12 in context

Business Matters

Edilberto C. de Jesus

Business complain that high school graduates generally lack the thinking and life skills required for gainful employment. College students fear they were unprepared for tertiary level academic work. And teachers bemoan that they were always stopping the Deped that contribute to the low achievement level: overcrowded classrooms, insufficient learning materials, ill-conceived facilities, inadequately trained and poorly motivated teachers.

K+12 advocates agree that the government should address these problems first. They maintain that the additional two years will help children and teachers more effectively manage the learning process. One current system pros both under the unreasonable pressure of cramming in in 10 years what their counterparts in other countries learn in 12. Expecting that K+12 system would help level the playing field.

Remedial courses in the first two years of college compensate for the basic education deficit, but at the cost of extending the college program and making them more expensive. These who cannot afford to attend the first year of basic education school too young to be legally employed and, more important, lacking the skills wanted in the labor market.

Those against K+12 do not appear opposed to giving more time for education. Their objection is emotional: two more years would be useless if nothing else changes. But K+12 will necessarily change some things: high schools will graduate more mature 18 year-old, instead of 16-year old, students. An additional two years is also a chance that should facilitate coverage of content and mastery of skills, both require time on task.

Parents will have to cover the supplemental costs of additional schooling. The Deped can make the DepEd optional for parents who want to improve the chances of their children to finish college or to find a job.

Most businesses and companies will have only those who have completed at least two years of college. But they will consider hiring those with SHS diplomas. Exemption from remedial courses now required of first and second year students will benefit the SHS graduates going on to college.

The K+12 plan is estimated to cost around an additional of P30 billion over five years. This amount will increase the DepEd's share of the national budget from about 12 percent to 14 percent. But the DepEd had received as much as 16 percent of the budget before. Committee committed parents from the Philippines favor the K+12 for their children. Filipino children deserve nothing.

There is a strong equity concern in P-Noy's support for K+12. Our elite private schools give their students one or two years of pre-school and seven years of grade school. The advantage of longer schooling is not lost on the class students move on to the secondary and tertiary levels.

The best public schools, like Philippine Science High School and UP, rightly enhance a merit-based admission policy, but this also favors the economic elite. Families with the financial means can spend more money for their children's tutorial to give them better chances in the entrance exams' nations of the best schools and better job prospects upon graduation.

"I want at least 12 years for our public school children to give them an even chance at success in life," Secretary Jesli A. Lapus said. Only this goal should not be subject to extensive debates.

Edilberto C. de Jesus is president of the Asian Institute of Management.

They Said

Forbidden wish

"I wish I could challenge him to a duel, but that is a crime under the Penal Code. So, instead, I challenge him to a debate on any of the major TV channels."

—Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago challenging Sen. Ejercito Estrada to a debate on any of the major TV channels.

"I'm not going to run for office. I'm not going to run against [Sen. Francis] Escudero or [Sen. Manuel] Villar. I'm not going to run against anybody."

—Former Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. on his plans for the 2010 elections.

Balangiga bells tolling for OFWs

LETTERS

THAT IS to maintain to Ramon J. Bernardo Sept. 20 column titled "Remembering the Bells of Balangiga."

Gen. Vicente Eilles Lukban is a native of Lilo, Camarines Norte and not Camarines Sur. I am proud to say that I am a direct descendant of General Lukban. My grandmother from my father's side of the family is his grandaughter. When I write and use, offense nuestras in favors to the editor, my family would cause for that. I have a "fighting spirit" inherited from my ancestors, definitely, there's truth to this.

More reading Balangiga relates, I am inspired to share a story that has a lot of relevance to the Bells of Balangiga. Nowhere said, "the Bells of Balangiga are a reminder of the fighting spirit and determination of our people." For me, the bells tell now for the overseas Filipino workers. I consider them modern-day heroes. They have the strongest determination and fighting spirit to survive and provide a better future for their families as well as for the country. I never had such a passionate appreciation of their efforts until I came to Australia.

It is very rare that a dollar earned abroad can be stretched in the Philippines. Our OFWs sometimes deprive themselves of certain luxuries so that they can send whatever they can't back home. From our account, a dreamer told me, (in translation) "even if I want to treat myself to a big, fat burger which costs P15, I'll rather save it up to pay for the water bill in our home in Manila." OFWs have to adapt to so many things, climate, culture, some form of persecution from racists, and homesickness. What a sacrifice!

When I read about my great-grandfather's life story, what he and his comrades in arms did before and how they fought, I get the feeling that their sacrifices were no different from the struggles of the OFWs abroad. Our modern-day generation doesn't need arms to win, but they are armed with an even more powerful weapon...a strong heart. Their efforts uplift the lives of their loved ones and the economy of the country as well. They leave the dreamers in order to provide the best for their families. When times get low for them, they have their backs to push them forward. It is ironic that the rich people in our country become richer while the poor become poorer.

With the news announcement, I sincerely hope that change is come to some. In the Bells of Balangiga ring once more to create our spirits and prompt us into acting like the strong people we are.

—KATRINA ISABEL M. SANA, katsana@yahoo.com

'Invitation Letter' has no legal basis

I JUST want to call attention to the "New Invitation Letter Scheme" that the Philippine Bureau of Immigration and Deportation (BID) requires, particularly from those going to Singapore. Each letter must cost 12 Singapore dollars even if the plain purpose of travel is pleasure. —like a three-week-long vacation or a mini-reunion.

This new "law" is nowhere to be found in any memorandum or advisory from both the Philippine Embassy here in Singapore or Singapore Immigration and Checkpoints Authority. Really look into this.

Every two Singapore dollars a month a lot of money for our families and for us, overseas Filipino workers here in Singapore.

—KARYN FERRARIS, purple_rain7266@yahoo.com

Agonizing over loss of son to lost cause

I WISH reached by the thoughtful, article titled "Ideology is gone." However, in the BIG My only son, became an active member of the Kabataang Makabayan during the 1970s after he was recruited by the communist movement. He practically left his studies, first to conduct discussion groups, then to involve himself in community organizing, and eventually to join the movement in the hills. In amounts of explanations and negotiations of a mother could change his mind, for as Father Soliano said in her article, "it is very difficult to talk to a person whose mind is closed."

The experience of losing him to the movement was more than one time and agony. First was a bratty young man, aggressive, hard-nosed and was thought on his duty. Used to be a dreamy. For a while, we were in constant with him and never about his ideals reached as in the turbulent years of martial rule when activism was equivocal to the failure.

The author of the thoughtful article is young but she has the maturity to understand what is happening to our society, and to her youth in particular. It is unique to be young and idealistic, and to stand for what you think is right and even to die for it. But today, there is no big fight between democracy and totalitarianism as the struggle was during the time. But young people still fall prey to the communist ideology. There is nothing more important for a country than to live in peace, freedom and harmony.

Like Cielo Agnes in the article, I am already a lola, except that I have no grandchild because of the communists. My son could have lived a decent, ordinary life, with a wife and children. But he chose an ideology. And so can I as a mother.

—MA. ROSA U. SICSIC, ma.rosasicsic@yahoo.com

We are giving back the 50% to you!

An early X'mas gift!
Half the fares
on all Domestic & International* Destinations!

Sale Period: Oct. 14-16, 2010 or until seats last
Travel Period: Dec. 1-31, 2010

*Bangkok, Busan, Guangzhou, Ho Chi Minh, Hong Kong, Incheon, Jakarta, Kota Kinabalu, Kuala Lumpur, Macau, Osaka, Singapore, Shanghai, Taipei, Beijing or Brunei now!

CEBU PACIFIC AIR.COM

P-Noy asked to be firm on population issue

WE SHOULD thank President Aquino for finally adopting a responsible population policy which the previous administration was unwilling to take on.

Without a responsible population policy, countries like the Philippines would not have enough resources to feed their people. The woes of overpopulation to the Philippines are unanswerable in terms of lack of jobs, overcrowding, poor quality of education, high crime rate, among other things. These would eventually lead to social unrest, not to mention the overpopulation puts a tremendous burden on our environment and natural resources.

Ironically, it was a Filipino, Rafael Salas, the first head of the United Nations Population Institute, who foresaw this problem of irresponsible population policy in developing countries and the inevitable rise in global migrant stock (but 40 years ago). Without a responsible population policy, the only remaining option for the Philippines would be to send its daughters and sons overseas as migrant workers.

The fundamentalist policy of the Church, which believes that being born into a life of poverty is a blessing, is no longer viable, if not totally irresponsible. Our naysayers like Lopez is our human labor, and the Church should be now realize the social toll on families whose wives, husbands and children are separated.

We fervently hope that President Aquino will remain steadfast in his commitment to pursue the cause of poverty.

—BERNIE "BJ" CARANDANG, bjcharcoal.ca@ftp.ph, ftp.ph@yahoo.com

RH bill, 'halo-halo and 'chop-suey'

THIS IS how a moderate, anti-progressive Catholic woman thinks of the reproductive health bill.

It will agree the widow wants for underaged sex, reducing teen and women to mistress classes with no negative like as a consequence of their actions. Even as this age of "halo-halo" and "chop-suey." In other words, changing partners as often as changing one's pocket, our Church people, particularly the bishops, cannot continue to remain with anything artificial or unnatural.

Proponents of the RH bill insist on family reproductive health methods of birth control, while some doctors claim that such contraceptives aren't quite healthy for individuals.

Nature, they say, can be strong enough a one time or another to thwart the effects of man-made contraceptives, in a manner that usage of the same could also wipe one or kill a fetus.

Despite all, the passage of the RH bill in Congress will not only legalize the use of contraceptives. It will also mean a tacit concept approval for promiscuity, disease, death, abortion or any—should we say "grievous"—consequences.

—LOURDES EMIN SAVIOR, lsbsavior@yahoo.com

People's government

WE LOVED very much Lorenzo de Quiros' assessment of the first 100 days of President Aquino. However, 10/7/10 We think it's very satisfying saying and we agree with his evaluation. But how what he said.

"P-Noy's government is the only government that embraces the rule which is ultimately with, each but as an extension of him, self."

—G. B. VILLAFUERTE

If you have any complaints, grievances or suggestions about the treatment of issues and others in the Inquirer, you may write to the Readers' Advocate, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Chino Roces Avenue cor. Yague and Mascardo Streets, City of Makati or send a fax to Nos. 897-4793, 897-4794, or e-mail readersadvocate@inquirer.com.ph.

Writers of letters to the editor are requested to include their complete address and telephone or pager number or e-mail address for verification purposes. The inquirer will not publish any letter unless such information is supplied.

Across the NATION

Trader seized in Cotabato released

COTABATO CITY—An elderly woman trader abducted here by gunmen who killed two of her aides has been released after being held hostage for a week, the military said yesterday.

However, authorities could not say why the unidentified kidnappers handed over the 73-year-old, ethnic Tausug to a local businessman, in an unidentified go-between here Thursday.

The intermediary reported to the local military command that Gotchien Tan is back safe her family explained army spokesperson 1Lt. Ernesto Anolome told reporters.

Anolome would not say if the family paid ransom, amid rumors the kidnappers had demanded P50 million from the victim's husband, who owns a hardware shop here.

Tan's bodyguard and her driver were killed in a clash with the abductors who ambushed her car on Oct. 8.

Police said the woman was the second kidnap victim freed in Cotabato since August. The other victim, who owns another hardware shop, was released unharmed after three days following the family paying an unspecified ransom.

A gen. culture, a decades-old Muslim insurgency, and weak rule of law have been cited by observers as contributing to frequent kidnappings in Mindanao.

Anolome, who also heads the Task Force Cotabato formed for the trader's kidnapping, said her kidnappers brought her to a highway in Datu Odin Sinsuat in Maguindanao, at least 25 kilometers from the city.

It was there that she was fetched by a family emissary, he said.

"Madam Gotchien is now safe with her family," Anolome told reporters here.

Anolome said he did not bother to ask the victim or her husband about ransom and the size did not interest anything about it.

"What did not tell me about money. I did not ask about it. What is important is that she is safe and alive," Anolome said.

Reports circulated in the city that Tan's kidnappers had demanded P50 million in ransom for Tan's release but neither authorities nor the family would validate the report.

Ya Bong Chua, president of the Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry here, said his group was elated by news that Tan has been freed.

Her abduction initially brought her cousin Edmundo, Maguindanao, by cruising crime.

Tan's family said they were worried about her because she is cancer-stricken and has to regularly take medicines. Reports from Edwin Fernandez and Jun Cotabato, Inquirer Mindanao, and AFP

A WAREHOUSE of Tanduay Distillery in Calauan, Laguna, goes up in flames in a 15-hour fire that started Thursday and was put out early Friday. RICHARD BALUYUT

Fire razes liquor warehouse

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—A fire that lasted for nearly 15 hours destroyed the warehouse of a liquor firm in Calauan, Laguna, early yesterday, injuring a worker and a firefighter.

The injured worker, Roy Ilido, 31, suffered burns in 70 percent of his body and is now in a hospital, authorities said.

A firefighter of Quezon City, Albert Morelos, 37, also suffered burns.

Authorities said the fire started past 7 p.m. in a room where alcohol for production of Tanduay Distillery is stored.

The fire crept to another building housing the firm's production line, said Supt. Dante Novicio, Calauan police chief.

While the fire's cause is still unknown, Novicio said a loud explosion was heard before the blaze.

The fire started at past 7 p.m. on Thursday and was put out at 5 a.m. yesterday. Marlene Cinco, Inquirer Southern Luzon

CA rules self-defense can't be invoked in delayed action

By Marlon Ramos

SAYING that self-defense should not be used against "unnecessary" killing, the Court of Appeals has upheld a guilty verdict handed down by a regional trial court on an electrician who stabbed dead a bakery owner in this Bonifacio, Albay, in 2005.

The CA decision—written by Associate Justice Teodoro Q. Bonoan and concurred in by Associate Justices Noel G. Tijam and Marlene Gonzales Sison—affirmed a 2008 regional trial court decision convicting Ismario B. Banuga Jr. of homicide and sentencing him to six to eight years of imprisonment for the killing of Jesus Pedro Chodi.

The CA also asked Banuga to pay actual damages of P50,802, moral damages of P50,000 and indemnity of P50,000.

It said that "it is essential in self-defense that it should be a defense against a present unlawful attack," but "after the danger has passed, one is not justified in following up his adversary to take his life."

Records showed that on the evening of Feb. 16, 2005, Banuga uncovered a cell of narcotic and proceeded to the bank of Chodi's residence.

Upon seeing Banuga, Chodi confronted him, resulting in an altercation.

Chodi then punched Banuga in the jaw and immediately went inside his bakeshop.

Banuga then took a knife from his bag and entered the bakeshop.

Chodi was found by his wife inside the store, slumped on the floor with a knife in his left chest and five other wounds in different parts of the body, which resulted in his death.

Banuga surrendered to the police the following morning and confessed to the killing, invoking his right to self-defense.

The CA said that Banuga could not use self-defense as justification for the killing because from the moment Chodi sensed the lookout, "the aggressive unlawful aggression on the part of Chodi ceased to exist and the pursuit Banuga took against Chodi (at his bakeshop) is the place of an aggressor."

It added that, "There is no longer any danger, but still Banuga went beyond the call of self-preservation."

"Unlawful aggression presupposes an actual, sudden, unexpected attack or imminent danger ... not merely a threatening of intimidating attitude," said the court.

"Thus when ... aggression ceases to exist, the one making a defense has no right to kill or injure the former aggressor," it said. With reports from Inquirer Southern Luzon

> 'Unlawful aggression presupposes an actual, sudden, unexpected attack or imminent danger ...'

Unsafe Christmas lights seized

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The Department of Trade and Industry on Wednesday destroyed three boxes of Christmas lights that were not certified safe by the agency and announced an intensified drive to remove from the market products that do not conform to safety and health standards.

The boxes, seized from a supermarket in Angeles City, did not bear the import commodity clearance (ICC) sticker of the DTI's Bureau of Product Clearance.

The supermarket paid a fine of P17,000 for the violation, said Orlinda Pineda, head of the consumer welfare and business regulation division in Pampanga.

Chairman Egbert are among the more than 200 products for mandatory standardization under the World Trade Organization of which the Philippines is a member. The Philippines has its Product Standards Law (Republic Act No. 4109) since the 1970s admits is why products bear product standard homes and quality mark stickers.

Pineda said the unverified Christmas lights showed to be "definitely smuggled" but the sources or ports of entry were unknown.

Inspectors are made to prevent fire and other hazards in consumers, she said. Her division conducts year-round monitoring. Earlier, it seized 44,000 rolls of uncertified angle bars used in construction.

Nathaniel Santoso, head of the DTI Pampanga enforcement unit, said shoppers should check the ICC stickers on both the boxes and individual items.

Pineda asked shoppers not to buy Christmas lights that are sold at P100 for a set of three. "Although cheap, these are not safe because these did not undergo a standards check by government," she said. Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon

SEIKO

DEDICATED TO PERFECTION

SEIKO 5 SPORTS. Nearly five decades ago, SEIKO 5 set a new standard in automatic watches. With innovations like the magic lever for greater winding efficiency and the single window for day and date, SEIKO 5 brought reliable timekeeping within everyone's reach. Today, the new SEIKO 5 Sports goes further still. With its 23 jewel movement, luminous hands and easy-to-read day-date calendar, its performance is reliable, day and night, year after year. And, with 200 meter water resistance, screw protection for the crown, case-back and bezel and a tough steel and urethane construction, the legendary strength of SEIKO 5 lives on. seikowatches.com

INQUIRER Visayas

E-mail or comment: newsdesk@inq.com.ph
Website: visay.inquirer.net/topics

Arlyn Jan Bandayrel
Bureau Chief Edralyn L. Benedicto

Boracay uneasy over P1-B reclamation

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Boracay Island, Aklan

A CONTROVERSIAL P1-billion reclamation project at the gateway to Boracay, the country's premiere tourist destination, has developed into a showdown between the Aklan provincial government and the resort island's business and community leaders, and municipal officials.

The Boracay Foundation Inc. (BFI) and the local chapter of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) are demanding an immediate stop to the project over environmental and economic issues, while the municipality of Malay, which has jurisdiction over Boracay, and Barangay Caticlan, the reclamation site, have adopted resolutions opposing it.

But Gov. Carlos Marquez and the rest of the provincial board say they're pursuing the project, officially called "Reconstitution/Rehabilitation of the Caticlan Passenger Terminal Building and Jetty Port Enhancement and Recovery of Old Caticlan Coastline, Reclamation of Portion of Buyo-Buyo Area for Commercial Purposes (Marina Project)."

It will cost P268 million for its initial phase and P981 million for succeeding phases.

The existing Caticlan jetty port and terminal, operated by the provincial government, serves as a jump-off point from the Panay mainland to Boracay. It is part of the coastal highway for roll-on, roll-off (RoRo) vessels moving cargoes and passengers to Boracay and northern Panay.

According to the provincial government, the 14-year reclamation and development project aims to raise revenue and provide jobs as residents flip-improving tourism services for Boracay.

Looking ahead

It involves the expansion of jetty port facilities, reclamation of coastline areas, and the construction of commercial office buildings, a health and wellness center and other businesses. It would also restore the new eroded coastal zones and prevent erosion near the port.

Marquez said the project was recommended in 2007 to accommodate the 2 million tourists who would be going to Boracay by 2020. The target was later pushed back to 2015 due to the global economic crisis.

"We want to make sure that the provincial government can provide the basic services," he said. He pointed out that the jetty port was already handling more than 500,000 tourists yearly and that the docking facilities could only accommodate six boats/roads of 180. Boracay-bound passengers at one time.

"When it 1,000 guests arrive? It will take hours to board a boat like what we experience during the peak days," the governor said.

He said national government agencies, such as the Philippine National Police, Philippine Coast Guard, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Tourism (DOT), and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) had wanted to put offices in one building to better serve clients.

Expansion

While it claims that the project area is 24.6 hectares, the provincial government signed a memorandum of agreement with the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) on May 17, 2010, for 36.82 ha in Caticlan and 3.10 ha in Boracay, or a total of 40 ha.

Marquez said the PRA had advised the provincial government to expand the area to be reclaimed to a minimum of 40 ha because the minimum application fee of P500,000 covers it. Further, he said, the PRA would have proprietary rights to 12 percent of the 40 ha, or 4.8 ha.

However, an environment certificate of compliance (ECC) issued on April 27, by Oscar Lanzanas, regional director of the DENR's Environmental Management Bureau covers the reclamation of only 2.64 ha (1.29 ha-area going seaward and 520 meters along the shoreline).

But while business owners and other critics agree that port facilities must be improved, they are concerned about the project's impact to the environment, particularly to portions of the coastline to be reclaimed in Caticlan and Boracay.

Reclamation will effectively narrow the channel between the Panay mainland and Caghan on Boracay, the BFI and the PCCI-Boracay said. The channel is roughly one kilometer wide and currents often exceed four knots.

"We believe that narrowing down this channel by 100 meters or (2) process could have serious consequences for the current and, ultimately for some of Boracay beaches, which already suffer from erosion," said Charlie Uy, PCCI-Boracay president.

The perceived danger was not mentioned in the Environmental Performance Report and Monitoring Program (EPRMP) submitted by the provincial government to the DENR when it applied for an ECC, although the EPRMP noted the incidence of the possible alteration of the shoreline configuration.

A geotechnical assessment prepared by Dr. Ronnie Javelosa of the DENR's Mines and Geosciences Bureau and engineers Roger Lim and Victory Fernandez of the provincial government also did not indicate any negative impact.

The BFI and the PCCI-Boracay have called for an independent scientific study to be conducted by oceanographers before the project is implemented. The DOT has agreed to commission the study.

But Marquez has insisted that the project is environmentally viable because an ECC had already been issued.

"The only expert and authority to determine environmental viability of a project is the DENR. They can conduct other studies, but we will continue to implement this as long as we have the DENR approval," he said.

Caticlan has also questioned the economic viability of the project and the reclamation of the coastline areas.

In December last year, the provincial government signed an agreement by a bond firm with Local Government Unit Guarantee Corp. and Philippine National Bank (PNB) Trust Banking Corp. to raise P260 million for the first phase of the project.

This was a follow-up to the P4.5-million bond flotation in June 1999 for the construction of the existing Caticlan facility.

Marquez considered the latest agreement as an investment that would eventually benefit Aklanon folk in terms of revenues and employment.

Because of the expected facilities, he said, Boracay would get more tourists and Malay would earn more from business permits and rent from businesses leasing space in the reclaimed land, and there was "room room or" in reclaiming property that buying inland property.

"The reclamation of areas would require truckloads of filling materials amounting to millions of pesos," the business operator said. According to the project brief, an area of around 15,300 sq. m. will be reclaimed at a cost of P19.85.52 million.

Marquez dismissed the accusations, saying it was logical to reclaim land along the coastline because the project is basically the improvement of port facilities.

He pointed out that the Malay municipal council has traditionally opposed measures and projects of the provincial government for Caticlan and Boracay.

The two had previously tangled on the implementation of policies, such as the one-entry one-exit policy in Boracay which requires all passengers and cargoes entering the island to pass through the Caghan port that is also operated by the provincial government.

The provincial government charges P50 as terminal fee per visitor in the Caticlan and Caghan ports. From the amount, P40 goes to the province, P5 to Malay and P2.50 each to Caticlan to Malay and Barangay Manoc-Manoc in Boracay.

Revenues

Marquez said revenues from the terminal fees totaled P80 million last year.

The municipal government, for its part, charges each visitor a P75 environmental fee, with 15 percent as share of the provincial government.

The dispute has further strained the relationships between the two parties and some business owners in Boracay. It has also raised questions on how to go about the reclamation project without support from both the Caticlan and Boracay officials.

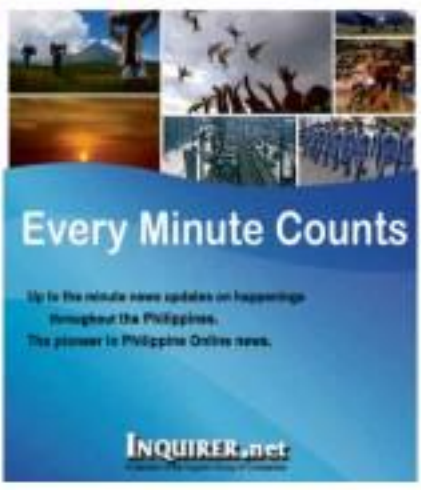
The PRA reminded Marquez in a letter dated Aug. 11 that one of the project requirements is the endorsement of the local government unit.

From July to August, the provincial government had conducted a series of consultative meetings with stakeholders, but both the Malay municipal council and Caticlan barangay council were unmoved in their positions. Malay Mayor John Yap said the council members rejecting project still stands.

But Marquez said the project implementation would start this month with the issuance of a notice to proceed to the contractor. "We will implement the project as long as there are no legal obstacles," he said.

A SIGN near the Caticlan jetty port announces the start of the reclamation project (Contributed photo)

WHERE the reclamation will be done



$10,000 in bank, free vacation…

From page A1

decked out with flags and signs welcoming him to the camp. The families have invited him and the other 32 miners to a Mass at the mine on Sunday.

"We want to show him how we lived here, how we waited and prayed every minute of every day, supporting him and shouting for him every day," said Elizabeth Segovia, 51. "That's why we are preparing something special when they come."

'Ipcoen's gifts

Most of the escapes were still in a hospital almost an hour away on Thursday. But when they had emerged, they may return to town filled with gifts, rich others to tell their stories and opportunities to ease the regret.

Leonardo Farkas, a Chilean businessman, has already written checks of five million pesos, or about $10,000, to each of the 33 men. Farkas, an eccentric mining entrepreneur known across the country for his philanthropy and long blond hair, went ahead with the donations as a way of helping the men secure into their new lives.

"The ideas that they shouldn't be stressed while looking for new jobs," said Rodrigo Mundaca, a spokesperson for Farkas.

Workers at the state mining company Codelco said they would chip in about $600. While a relatively high-paying profession here, a miner would earn in Chile usually cannot expect much more than about $2,000 a month in salary.

'Sun and sea'

Beyond the money, a range of other perceived gifts has flooded in. A Greek mining company, Elinoi Hellenic Mining Enterprises, has offered a free one-week vacation to Greece for each miner and a companion, so that they could "enjoy our sun and sea" after their long ordeal.

"It was our employees' idea, as they work under similar conditions to the Chileans' and immediately felt solidarity with them," said the company's managing director, Lykerti Polychronopoulos.

Finding talents have did not seem difficult.

"We all want to go with him, but he gets to decide," said Joana Segovia, the 17-year-old daughter of one of the miners, Victor Segovia.

Man U, Real Madrid

Family members said they had also been invited by two European soccer teams, Manchester United and Real Madrid, to visit their stadiums in Britain and Spain. Real Madrid had already sent 33 jerseys—signed by players and with the words "Have strength, miners" printed on them—to the miners' shift, they were ripped to bits. One of the miners, Franklin Lobos, once played professionally.

The Manchester United legend Bobby Charlton, the man of a miner, has sent a recorded message to the Chilean miners there to Old Trafford, according to news reports, while the former Argentina coach Diego Maradona sent a message saying that the miners "therefore after 69 days underground" have proof that miracles exist and you are one of them."

Elvis fanatic

Edison Peña, an Elvis fanatic among the miners, may get to see the King.

Graceland and the Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau extended invitations for him and a companion to visit Elvis' home in Memphis. Peña, 34, had officials send notes Elvis music through Bon Jovi tune booklets so he could trust the other miners in sing-alongs.

Peña, who earned the nickname the Runner for jogging three to six miles a day through the mine tunnels during his captivity, could also be racing up to New York for the New York City Marathon on Nov. 7.

The New York Road Runners, the group that directs the marathon, said on Thursday that it hoped to bring Peña to town to watch the race—or to participate, if he is up for it.

"He has taken the phrase 'runner for life' to a whole new level," said Mary Wittenberg, the chief executive of New York Road Runners, in an e-mail.

Then there are other goodies, like the latest-generation iPod Touch models that Apple says it has sent to each miner. And, of course, the names got to keep the Oakley sunglasses they wore while leaving the mine to protect their light-deprived eyes, according to designers. Plus, an official artist helped prepare the miners before their rescue.

Striptease show

Others offered more unconventional ways to help the miners recover. Antonio Ravanales, a wildly show personality in Chile, offered to do a striptease for each of the 33 miners.

"It's something to improve their spirits, one dance for each of the 33, no private," Ravanales told La Cuarta, a Chilean newspaper. "The government should take care of them for life, so they never have to work again and can live a dignified life."

Government officials at both the federal and local level said they would push to make San Esteban Mining Co., which owns the mine, pay the country back for rescuing the miners. President Sebastián Piñera said on Thursday that the effort had cost $40 million to $20 million, paid for through a mix of donations by private companies and the government.

'Best lessons'

Now that the rescue is done, Piñera said he was considering turning Camp Hope, the makeshift village that sprouted up on a temporary home for family members, into a memorial, adding that he would talk to the miners themselves about what the "best lessons" was to draw from the experience.

He said he would also consider what to do with the Phoenix capsule that shuttled the miners to the surface, one by one, and the original note sent up from the miners on day 17 confirming they were alive.

Piñera, the billionaire former head of a media empire, has pulled out the note from his desk on a visit pointed to the past to dramatic effect.

Before they leave, family members of the miners, who have been at the center of a worldwide media pool for weeks, want the mine's operators to do it what their boss once said for the 69 days after Aug. 5, when the gold and copper mine collapsed, trapping the miners nearly half a mile below.

Camp Hope

The camp propped up overnight out of nowhere, amid the bone-dry hills here in Atacama Desert. Within weeks it was almost a bustling village, where family members cooked in open fires and slept in tents, all the while praying to statues of St. Lorenzo, the patron saint of miners, for the men to be lifted to safety.

"We are a little sad to be leaving here," said Maria Segovia, another of Pedro Segovia's sisters, saying they would pitch up Camp Hope for good on Sunday.

"We will need no more here, went through so much pain, so many sorrows says. But we made a lot of friends here, with other family members, with journalists. In so many ways this was a once-in-a-lifetime experience." *New York Times News Service*

CHILLING OUT Miner Mario Sepúlveda, sticking out the floor, recovers unperturbed from being trapped in the San Jose mine as some of the miners and Chile's President Sebastian Piñera, from rear third from right, look on in the hospital where the miners are undergoing medical check-ups in Copiapo, Chile, on Thursday.

PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE

GRAND LOTTO 6/55

BE A GRAND MILLIONAIRE NOW!

Your P20.00, your way to win the GRAND...

233 MILLION*

Saturday, 16 October 2010 JACKPOT ESTIMATE

HOW TO BE A GRAND MILLIONAIRE?

1. Select the number of draws you want to play.
2. Pick six numbers from 1 to 55 and mark with vertical line. Mark LP for lucky pick if you want the computer to select your numbers.

For only Php20.00, you may win if you match 6 or any 3, 4, or 5 numbers of the winning 6-number draw combination.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE?

Prizes amounting to Php5,000.00 and below can be claimed at any authorized Lotto outlet or at the PCSO Provincial District Offices in your area.

Prizes worth more than Php5,000.00 up to Php300,000.00 can be claimed at any of the PCSO Provincial District Offices or at the PCSO Main Office in Quezon City.

Jackpot prize should be validated and claimed at the PCSO Main Office in E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City.

2nd Prize	P150,000.00
3rd Prize	2,000.00
4th Prize	150.00

Prize Payout Chart

Match	Prize Category	Winners	Amount
6	Jackpot	1	233,000,000.00
5	1st Prize	1	150,000.00
	2nd Prize	1	2,000.00
	3rd Prize	50	150.00
4	1st Prize	1,000	20.00
	2nd Prize	50	150.00
	3rd Prize	1,000	20.00
3	1st Prize	1,000	20.00
	2nd Prize	50	150.00
	3rd Prize	1,000	20.00
Total		5,000	100,000.00
2	1st Prize	1,000	20.00
	2nd Prize	50	150.00
	3rd Prize	1,000	20.00
Total		2,050	41,000.00
1	1st Prize	1,000	20.00
	2nd Prize	50	150.00
	3rd Prize	1,000	20.00
Total		2,050	41,000.00
0	1st Prize	1,000	20.00
	2nd Prize	50	150.00
	3rd Prize	1,000	20.00
Total		2,050	41,000.00

Every Monday, Wednesday & Saturday.

For more information, visit PCSO online: http://www.pcso.gov.ph

PCCI maps out strategy to grow key industries

Homepage A1

through land reform as collateral for bank loans.

Ivahig Penal Colony

It asked for a review of the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act; for the implementation of reversion, development, support and training programs for small farmers; the use of the leading Wood Colony as a federal seed plantation; the restoration of the Quezon "D" cargo allocation for local processors and exporters; and the reorganization of the Sugar Regulatory Administration to include private-sector representatives.

In banking, finance and taxation, the group asked for a review of the national and local tax system and came up with a consolidated revised tax code and updated revenue regulations; a simplification of the requirements for tax treaty relief; and rationalization of the expanded withholding tax system.

Support for DepEd K-12

In education, the group expressed support for the Department of Education's proposed K-12 reforms, and asked for a comprehensive and cohesive policy to address the mismatch in education and employment.

In energy and power, the PCCI asked for clear policy directives for supply adequate and quality, rate competitiveness, and sustainability of competitive structure.

In line with this, it asked for regular benchmarking of generation and final power rates against other transitions of Southeast Asian Nations members to give proper guidance to consumers.

For National Ecology Center

In the environment, it called on government to formulate and implement the Mainland and Local Climate Change Action Plan, fully implement the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, and put up a National Ecology Center that would formulate guidelines on the use of environmentally acceptable materials, etc.

In the area of good governance, the group suggested that the Department of Finance set up a special prosecution unit to facilitate the resolution of smuggling and tax evasion cases.

In housing and construction, the PCCI sought the appointment of a dedicated trade undersecretary to handle the administering industry for economic zones.

Infra development plan

In infrastructure, the group sought the formulation of a National Infrastructure Development Plan, which would help realize the goal of successful public-private partnerships. Feasibility studies should be conducted as soon as possible on priority projects, which would undergo bidding processes. Bids should be monitored for projects with existing feasibility studies, it said.

In the area of intellectual property, the PCCI urged the Senate to ratify the country's accession to the Madrid Protocol, which would automatically grant recognition by others registrations of patents and registrations filed in one member country.

The mining sector should also be given close attention through a harmonization of local ordinances and a review of the legality of open-pit mining, it said.

The PCCI sought to boost tourism through the full implementation of the Tourism Law.

Master plan

The group also urged the government to come up with a master plan for the construction of airports and ports to prevent duplication of investments.

The PCCI listed a number of pending bills that it said should be passed within the next six years, including the Anti-Trust, Rationalization of Fiscal Incentives, Freedom of access to information, Simplified but Income Tax, Depo'dassic' of information and Communications Technology, among others.

P-Noy hails business leaders for return of consumer confidence

Homepage A1

have shown once again, your commitment in empowering our people through the partnership of the private sector with the community," Mr. Aquino said in a speech at the closing ceremonies of the 26th Philippine Business Conference yesterday.

He said the Philippine Business Conference provides an avenue for the country's top businessmen to discuss issues that would promote livelihood and open up more opportunities for small and medium enterprises to sell their goods and services to large corporations.

Apart from matching exporters with corporate requirements, the program will also offer loans to small and medium enterprises in the provinces, he said.

'You are our CEO'

Benjamin Philip Romualdez, PCCI vice president for industry and chair of the business conference, expressed the businessmen's support for the administration.

"Mr. President, you said, 'Kaming bahala rito.' Well, Mr. President, you are our CEO. You are our leader. Remember, your 'to-dos' and we will follow you," Romualdez said.

The PCCI is the country's largest business group, presented to Mr. Aquino its 10-point policy suggestions to help the country achieve "high-impact" economic development in the next six years.

They included a proposed national industrialization plan with a vision and strategy for export development and the implementation of a cohesive infrastructure plan backed by public-private partnership.

collected by the President.

The group submitted to Mr. Aquino various consolidated resolutions noting our robust to members think are the issues and concerns that the administration should focus on in the next six years. One related story on this page.]

Implementation timeframes

PCCI president Francis Chua told Mr. Aquino had asked for a copy of the consolidated resolutions, so the Cabinet could review and discuss the various points that the business group raised.

"The President said he would ask the Cabinet to go through it, to address the issues we raised in their meetings," Chua told reporters.

"Everything is equally important. The implementation should be simultaneous," he said.

The group has placed much emphasis on helping micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) by facilitating the registration of small business and cooperatives to reduce those that are already in existence or under the PCCI-proposed MSME Development Fund.

Hence, the creation of the Philippine Business Matrix, a program aimed at helping MSMEs obtain a guaranteed market and easier access to financing.

Guaranteed market

The guaranteed market would come in the form of exports, including some of the country's biggest companies like the Ayala Group, JG Summit Holdings Corp., Metro Gaisano, Megaworld Corp., Smart Communications, San Miguel Pure Foods Co., SM Prime Corp., Evergreen Water Corp., Zest-O Corp. and Metrobank Foundation.

"The main point of the program is to give bigger opportunities to SMEs to provide goods and services to large corporations. SMEs have a hard time breaking into these huge corporations as suppliers, and PCCI is here to help them," said Romualdez.

Mr. Aquino told the business leaders that the administration continues to work on improving the business climate in the country.

Public-private partners

"The achievement of our social goals is dependent upon our capacity to put in place an environment where private enterprise thrives," he said.

He called on local businessmen to participate in the building of infrastructure through public-private partnerships.

Super storm barreling toward Luzon; it could be another 'Ondoy'

Homepage A1

and "may attain a maximum wind strength of over 150 kilometers per hour before landfall," the weather bureau said.

It is predicted to make landfall on Monday afternoon in the Cagayan and Isabela area, although its effects will be felt by Sunday afternoon, Pagasa said.

No direct hit in Manila

Weather Lieutenant Jhun Wigil's bulletin, issued on Saturday morning, said Typhoon Mirinae will not be directly hit Manila, or Monday, signal No. 1 will be hoisted over the area. There clouds may bring rains in some places," Pagasa said.

"Considering that it has reached typhoon intensity before it passes PAR, it will intensify before landfall, maybe even stronger than 130 kph," Pagasa deputy administrator Nathaniel Servando told reporters.

Asked if it could develop into a supertyphoon, he said: "If it is greater than 200 kph, it can be considered a supertyphoon."

Memories of 'Ruming'

When other typhoons in the past could be compared to the way Mirgi was developing? Servando cited Supertyphoon "Ruming" in comparison.

Ruming battered the third, second and parts of Luzon with winds of 190 kph in November 2006, causing widespread power outages, killing 704 people and causing flooding in Cagayan area.

Cyclones with central winds of 185 kph are classified as supertyphoons.

Ondoy packed maximum sustained winds of 120 kph when it made landfall in Metro Manila and Luzon in September 2009, causing the worst floods in the metropolis in four decades and killing 464 people.

Ramyong, with sustained winds of 120 kph, pounded Luzon in July this year, killing more than 200 people.

Tracking Mirgi

According to Pagasa's 5 p.m. bulletin yesterday, Mirgi had maximum sustained winds of 150 kph near the typhoon's eye at the "Mata" of 2 p.m., it was spotted 1,200 km east of southern Luzon and moving west northwest.

Mirgi was packing maximum sustained winds of 120 kph near the center, with gustiness of up to 150 kph.

It has a diameter of 300 km.

Robert Orel, Pagasa's chief weather forecaster, said the Visayas region would experience rains on Saturday as the typhoon is expected are blessed.

By then, as it nears Luzon, it will be affected by Typhoon Ramon, it will get stronger as it nears extreme northern Luzon," he said.

According to the bulletin, Mirgi (or Juan) was expected to exit through Ilocos Sur.

Like Ondoy's rain

Asked how much rain the typhoon could bring, Pagasa officer in charge Esperanza Natoni Jr said, "Its rain probably like Ondoy's."

The deadliest typhoon to hit the country in recent years, Ondoy dumped 455 millimeters of rain in the Pagasa monitoring site in Quezon City in 24 hours on Sept. 26, 2009.

Science Secretary Mario Montejo said the strength of the next typhoon to watch (Nonoy, due to hit Saturday) will be determined by the Doppler radars on Monday afternoon," Montejo said in a press briefing.

Pagasa has not lifted local governments of the typhoon's possible path and strength to that they can prepare.

Travel warning

Officials have warned people not to travel to northern Luzon, especially to landslide-prone areas, during Sunday morning.

The rumors in eastern Luzon will become rough and dangerous to all kinds of vessels by then, Pagasa said. Fishermen and tanker were advised to stay inland over the weekend.

Montejo said the agency is monitoring the dams in Luzon to prevent spills. "We want to see if we need to release water before the typhoon," he said.

Pagasa said it would use its official twitter account, @dost_pagasa, to spread its public typhoon warnings to the masses. Natoni said the agency will post hourly updates on the twitter account.

Mirgi is the first major weather disturbance to confront the new Pagasa leadership since President Aquino ordered Pagasa administrator Dr. Prisco Nilo to resign on July 30, supposedly "only" for the month of August.

Preparations underway

Even before the Kuo effects

of Mirgi could be felt, relief officials in some areas of Luzon have begun preparations to meet its possible onslaught.

Disaster councils of various coastal towns met on Friday to assess their evacuation plans and preparedness for the approaching storm, said Chief Supt. Francisco Jose Villacorta, Cagayan Valley police director.

Mayor Ismael Tamano of Aparri, Cagayan, placed rescue teams on standby for the weekend. "We were assured [by Gov. Edu] which boatmen must be prioritized for rescue. One and his relief goods," he said.

The government also briefed villagers living near coastlines on protocols to be followed should the Cagayan River and other bodies of water swell up.

With reports from Sierra Quezada in Manila, Myla Gascon, Hilarion Llagas Jr. and Elmer Kristine Bonigay, Inquirer Northern Luzon

NBN-ZTE deal tops truth body's initial 23 cases under GMA

Homepage A1

Broadband Network deal with Dubai's ZTE Corp. and Arroyo's projected manipulation of the results of the 2004 presidential election.

Fertilizer scam, C-5 road

Former Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., the commission chair, said the investigation would also cover the P728-million fertilizer fund scam and the C-5 road extension scandal involving businessman Wilfredo Uy.

Davide said the commission had issued a resolution requesting Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile to provide the body transcripts of the Senate inquiries into the cases.

Even the documents sent to the commission by Senator Enrile "are relevant to our cases," he said

Aquino amnesty should have come after verdict

By Nikko Dizon

PRESIDENT AQUINO related entering the lot of the court when he announced amnesty for Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV and his group of military rebels last month before the court promulgates its verdict on their coup d'etat case, some legal experts said yesterday.

The office of Makati Regional Trial Court (RTC) Judge Oscar Pimentel has said that Pimentel will promulgate both the conviction of his decision on the case as scheduled on Oct. 28.

"The question is the timing. I cannot see what is the strategic or tactical advantage with the President coming out with it if he announced it now. That is the past. I don't get at all, unless there is a deal that people don't know about," one of the experts—a private lawyer requested to legal circles—said on the phone.

He said an amnesty announcement after Pimentel should have handed down his verdict "would have been the most untimely time" for Mr. Aquino because at the very least, "the court has spoken," after seven years of trial.

And if Pimentel handling the coup case eventually convicts Trillanes and the other accused, Mr. Aquino may have a hard time getting Congress to concur with his amnesty proclamation, the expert said.

Those are the situations that confront Mr. Aquino as a result of his "art of grace" toward the military rebels who tried three times to overthrow the government of then President and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, according to two legal experts interviewed by the Inquirer.

The experts declined to be identified—one asked to remain unnamed because of his sensitive position he holds as an official in the government. The other expert is involved in the coup cases against Trillanes and the so-called Magdalo officers.

The lawyer said that he saw no direct legal breach of Mr. Aquino's early announcement of amnesty but he pointed out that the Chief Executive risked antagonizing the courts.

Better to have waited

Had Mr. Aquino waited for Pimentel to resolve the coup cases, the lawyer said, the Presidential would not be antagonizing the courts and the prosecutors would not have gone "berserk" (hindi nag-aalburuto).

The lawyer said Mr. Aquino's announcement could also provoke Ombo (in the of Judge Pimentel).

He noted that Trillanes and a number of Magdalo officers already offended the judge when they walked out of their court hearing on Nov. 29, 2007, saying the stage for the Manila Peninsula hotel siege, where Trillanes led a group of junior officers of Arroyo, and ended up being stopped with more criminal charges.

And if Trillanes, et al. were acquitted?

The lawyer said: "Then that would render the amnesty moot and academic."

In a separate interview, the government officials said that Mr. Aquino could announce Trillanes and the others even after the promulgation of the case.

Chance for the opposition

The official surmised that perhaps Mr. Aquino announced Trillanes and the others before the promulgation of the verdict because it might be harder for him to get Congress to concur with his amnesty proclamation, if Pimentel convicted the military rebels.

The official said the political minority, especially the allies of Arroyo, would have a chance to pummel the proclamation and urge their colleagues not to concur with it especially if the judge hands a very powerful and strong decision on the case.

Magdalo spokesperson Ady Arcellis said on the phone: "What's important is that the President granted the amnesty. We are eagerly awaiting both Houses of Congress to concur with it."

"Good or bad timing, we leave that in the legal minds," Arcellis said.

Separation of powers

A Palace official said that Mr. Aquino was well within his authority to decide the coup cases against the Magdalo officers.

"We recognize the separation of powers. We are not questioning his promulgation of the case," Communications Operations Secretary Ibrahim Coloma said. *With a report from Norman Bordadora*

Ex-MPD chief Magtibay blames Lim: He called the shots

From page A1

mio," Villareal said.

In a statement, Villareal said Magtibay had to deal with the "twin axis" of Senator Lacson and Lim, who ordered the handcuffing of Gregorio Honasan and his transport to Fort Bonifacio.

Magtibay ground commander during the 11-hour hostage crisis, Lim had the audacity to remove the charges hurled at him.

He was among the officers earlier ordered by a Malacañang review panel to be slapped with administrative charges for the fiasco that angered Pope Benedict during his visit to the country.

Malacañang's legal team which reviewed the report of the Incident Investigation and Review Committee (IIRC) urged the National Police Commission (Napolcom) to file appropriate charges against Magtibay for gross incompetence and serious neglect of duty.

The legal team recommended an administrative case for simple neglect and misconduct against Lim, contrary to the IIRC's recommendation that criminal and administrative charges be filed against the mayor, a longtime friend and ally of the family of President Aquino.

Magtibay said Lim was clearly acting as CMC head and was not merely there as observer as he is a figurehead. Lim said he had no part in a habanging session because of the orders of Lim, whom he could not disobey.

He added that it was Lim who had ordered that Gregorio Honasan be made part of the negotiation.

Lim also allegedly ignored Vice Mayor Isko Moreno in help secure an order from the Office of the Ombudsman reinstating Rolando Mendoza to the police service.

Magtibay said he should have been given the implementation of Lim's orders before carrying them out.

"I should have thought about it very well," he said.

His order for SAF

Magtibay also clarified that he had received no order from either Director Leonardo Espina, chief of the National Capital Regional Police Office, or Superintendent Medina, chief of the NCRPO regional police intelligence and operations unit, citing the intervention from the Palace to use the Special Action Force to end the hostage crisis.

"If there was an order from the President which was properly relayed to me, it was something I could have followed," Magtibay told MIG-CBN.

"It would be easier for me and the MPD because we would not have the hassles in case there is an assault. We welcome that and I will follow it," he said.

Magtibay said Lim's group observed as Quirino Grandstand at past 6 p.m. on Aug. 23.

"In if there was an order from the President, it should have been given much earlier because what will happen if a tactical intervention happens before 6 o'clock and they were not there?" he said.

'Tanda'

"Statements of the incident indicate that the presidents order for the violence that erupted was the actual order given by the CMC Chairperson Mayor Alfredo Lim that Gregorio Honasan be handcuffed and taken to police headquarters. While the instruction to handcuff was later retracted, there was nonetheless an added measure of risk made by the mayor that the said person be brought to Tondo," Villareal said, adding:

"The order to deprive Gregorio Honasan of his personal liberty and [his] violent reaction ... were new and unforeseen factors thrown into the already volatile situation which Generic Magtibay, still, had to deal with anew.

"But as to what to limit means by Tondo, the mayor should explain."

Lim also said he only learned after the fact that Rolando Mendoza had allowed to free the hostages, handcuff himself, and get out of the hijacked bus ed. unarmed if his demand for reinstatement was granted.

He said he would have approved Mendoza's offer if the circumstances had only been relayed to him.

"I also learned that there were orders, issued there times, to use the Special Action force in case of an assault only after the incident," he added.

Lim also admitted his decision to have Gregorio Mendoza handcuffed.

'Dutiful officer'

"[ING] Mendoza was acting agitated at the advanced post and was moving to get his gun back. Those at the post were all generals. When if he suddenly grabbed a gun? Wouldn't that be a bigger problem?" he said.

Villareal said that while Magtibay welcomed the absence of any recommendation for the filing of criminal charges, he was saddened by the recommendation for him to be administratively charged.

"He (Magtibay) fulfilled his duties as on-scene commander with more than due diligence which, in fact, resulted in the [early] release of nine hostages," he said.

Villareal noted that Magtibay had never been charged criminally and administratively during his 32 years in service, and "has been a dutiful officer for most part in less than 14 months."

"The dutiful officer that he is, General Magtibay shall be more than ready to submit himself to the proper proceedings and prove his innocence, as well as his loyalty to the country, the Chief Executive, and the service," the lawyer said. *Ed Iguiron and Jeannette Andrade*

SBMA board backtracks on reinstating 'midnight' members

From page A1

ment saying the SBMA could not proceed with reconstituting itself until further clarification, with the high court.

He had noticed on Thursday that the high court had order returning Lantum to her post, to effect Ilfing President Aquino's Executive Order No. 2 rescinding his and other "midnight appointments," referred "to all cases, including the SBMA."

Lack of quorum

But today, Arroza said the SBMA could not convene a regular board meeting on Friday for lack of quorum.

In a phone call to the Inquirer last night, Arroza said the SBMA could not take further action.

Mr. Aquino presented on Thursday the high court's order, saying it would "embolden hundreds of similarly situated appointees of the past administration who had already been replaced, reappointed or recalled, to demand that they be reinstated or retained."

He also warned of a possible double takeover amid transition of government, and of "chaos and pandemic in the executive branch."

Arroza said the SBMA needed a complete set of directors to resolve the delay in processing New Terminal Project 2, and to clear the building efforts for the Subic airport.

He said the SBMA board also had to address the delayed conversion of a car track and a minivan property, and to evaluate proposals for commercial energy projects.

He cited the initial disagreement of SBMA lawyers was that the re-hiring of Lantum would not be automatic of the SBMA, but in the light of Marquez's clarification yesterday, it appears that it reversed only the petition(s) against the President's EO No. 2, which was challenged in court by Lantum, former Commissioner Clarke Cassell, and SBMA Director Eddie Simondiang.

Except for Lantum who was not present, the rest of the SBMA board of directors, the Aquino's directors reminded that the Manila 3 appointees are to the SBMA board of Mario Garcia, Gerhard Kahn, Ricardo Cruz-Bonilla, Jesse Reyes, Magsaysay III, Marlon Pineda, Angelito Uzac, Alvin Capino, Ariel Cuero, Jorge Emerson, Primitivo Garcia and Jennifer Ting.

Clarification changes position

Before Marquez's clarification, Arroza had said: "Because as the SBMA is concerned, the status quo ante order applies to all its 11 directors [who were] affected by EO No. 2. Hence, all 1of them could go back to their posts."

"Before the issuance of EO No. 2, the 11 directors who comprise the SBMA [were] elected because [it] had a complete board.... All directors may not assume their positions and do business."

The position has since been changed by the SC clarification.

Marquez declined further comments on the President's strongly worded statement resulting the high court's resolution as a blow to his reform agenda.

"It's now time to exercise judicial restraint. I think we have already said what we wanted to say," he said.

Marquez said other "midnight appointees" dismissed by Mr. Aquino could petition the high court.

"I hope it will be the end of it, and let's wait for whatever decision the court will [issue]," he said.

As it happened, Garcia, always, yesterday asked the high court to reinstate the status quo ante to the Office of the Solicitor General.

In a five-page petition, Garcia argued that the status quo ante order issued to Lantum's case was "also warranted" in her case because she was "similarly situated."

Respect each other

Asked about the possibility that the conflict between Malacañang and the Supreme Court would lead to a constitutional crisis, Marquez said: "There are, I think, opposite views. I think the short time we handled the resolution of the court is coming over with this order."

Marquez also downplayed suggestions of a looming schism, saying relationship between Malacañang and the high court.

"I don't think so," he said. "The judiciary has its own mandate, the executive department has its own mandate, as well as the legislature. All we have to do is to respect each other's jurisdiction."

Computer college stops SBMA takeover with status quo ante

THE SUBIC BAY Metropolitan authority yesterday proceeded again to take over the property of a computer college in Subic to make way for a development project of Ayala Land Inc.

The move fueled new protests from school officials and students.

SBMA took crews set up a demarcation line indicating that 800 square meters of Gateway Computer and Business College had been trespassed for another term (snipped).

Gateway administrator Jose Emil Joaquin said he was able to obtain a status quo ante order on Thursday that prevented the school property from further SBMA action.

Strong-arm tactics

"They want to force us in to sign whatever terms they are giving us by doing this. We have no problem with the Ayala project, and these are ongoing talks, but by its actions the SBMA is showing that it will resort to anything, even strong-arm tactics, to get what it wants," Joaquin said.

Ayala Land said it would invest P3 billion for a mixed use master planned community for the 8-hectare land.

Tension rose in May when the SBMA started demolishing two rooms of the school building despite what Joaquin said was an existing lease contract.

"We are only here (in the Gateway campus) to make sure those same school buses leave and not be emptied," said lawyer Randy Bautista. SBMA deputy administrator for legal affairs.

"The status quo ante order will remain in effect to the other areas. We were surprised to find a lot of unclear demarcation lines. Do they think that we will not honor the court order?" Tesoro said.

SC cites footnotes in junking plagiarism case vs justice

From page A1

the justice had detailed voluntary passages and citations were to be retained, including those from Criselda Bonoan and Ilao, and orders she was already discussing his "work and deleting all subject says, she unintentionally deleted the footnotes that were with such tags...with disastrous effect," the high court said in its decision promulgated yesterday.

The high court voted 13 to 4, with Del Castillo not taking part in the proceedings, to dismiss the complaint of lawyers Harry Roque and Romel Bagares. The ruling was issued per curiam, meaning no specific justice wrote the decision.

Senior Executive Justice Conchita Carpio-Morales and Associate Justice Ma. Lourdes Sereno dissented, with the latter reckoning she would be issuing a separate opinion.

Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio was not there.

Roque said in a statement that he and Bagares would "defer" to the decision of the high court.

"However, unlike purely legal matters where the court's pronouncements is final, plagiarism is a factual, academic and ethical issue. The authors who feel that their work have been plagiarized and twisted and misdirected with different conception of philosophies, may differ with the findings of the court," Roque said.

Roque said the high court's decision was "not binding."

"Because the Supreme Court is not a court of last resort when it comes to academic and ethical issues," he said.

Roque said in a statement that he and Bagares would "defer" to the decision of the high court.

"However, unlike purely legal matters where the court's pronouncements is final, plagiarism is a factual, academic and ethical issue. The authors who feel that their work have been plagiarized and twisted and misdirected with different conception of philosophies, may differ with the findings of the court," Roque said.

Roque said the high court's decision was "not binding."

"Because the Supreme Court is not a court of last resort when it comes to academic and ethical issues," he said.

Lani Ady, Roque and Bagares filed a complaint against Del Castillo, who wrote the decision denying the women's appeal, accusing the justice of plagiarizing parts of the works of three eminent international legal minds in writing his decision.

The authors said their works that were allegedly plagiarized were: "A Fiduciary Theory of Jus Cogens" by Evan J. Criddle and Evan Fox-Decent; "Breaking the Silence: hope as an International Crime" by Mark Ellis, and "Enforcing Erga Omnes Obligations" by Christian J. Tams.

The Supreme Court's rules, unless an ethics investigation is filed against a justice, dismisses the case and refers it to its findings to the en banc.

All three international writers wrote the high court expressing their concern over the alleged plagiarism of their works.

In its decision, the high court stated that "at its most basic, plagiarism means the theft of another person's language, thoughts or ideas ... The passing off of the work of another as one's own is thus an indispensable element of plagiarism."

It said that Del Castillo did not claim "fame" work as his own because his had in fact attributed the passages in the footnotes, cited it was done in a manner different from what the petitioners claimed as Del Castillo later downplayed it was an "editorial misstep" but one concerning clarity of writing," the court said.

The decision said that Del Castillo could not have also "intentional" or misrepresented the meaning of the passages lifted from the authors' works and referred to findings to the en banc.

All three international writers wrote the high court expressing their concern over the alleged plagiarism of their works.

In its decision, the high court stated that "at its most basic, plagiarism means the theft of another person's language, thoughts or ideas ... The passing off of the work of another as one's own is thus an indispensable element of plagiarism."

It said that Del Castillo did not claim "fame" work as his own because his had in fact attributed the passages in the footnotes, cited it was done in a manner different from what the petitioners claimed as Del Castillo later downplayed it was an "editorial misstep" but one concerning clarity of writing," the court said.

The decision said that Del Castillo could not have also "intentional" or misrepresented the meaning of the passages lifted from the authors' works and referred to findings to the en banc.

119 sources

However, the attributions in Ellis and Criddle-Decent were "unintentionally deficient" by Del Castillo's researcher, a court-employed lawyer, from her working draft, as she admitted and explained in the ethics committee.

The court noted how with 119 sources cited in the decision, "the loss of lots of them was not easily detectable."

It said that Del Castillo's findings that the researcher's explanation regarding the unattributed passages of proper attribution to the three authors is credible. Given the operational purpose of the Sherrell program to use by the Court, the accidental designation of attributions to sources of research materials is not sinister," the court said.

In to Del Castillo's omission of his researcher's errors in his initial response to the issue, the high court said that the justice's letter did not suggest a cover-up but showed taking full responsibility for the "poor writing, flaws in preparation," being the patriotic of the Visayas, et al. decision.

'Tearful remorse'

The legal researcher was not named in the decision, which noted how during the committee hearing, she had "tearfully expressed remorse at her grievous mistake and grief for having caused an unnecessary amount of suffering for Justice Del Castillo and his family."

Del Castillo said in his letter to the committee in a PowerPoint presentation, have she had made the accidental deletions to the footnoting for the Visayas, et al. court decision.

Court spokesperson Jose Midas Marquez said no sanctions were imposed on the researcher.

The high tribunal, in fact, noted that she was "competent" to handle the task assigned to her by Del Castillo, having graduated third in her class from a leading law school, "securing the number one slot in the Bar exam, and earned a master's degree in international law and human rights from a prestigious university in the United States.

First-in-class connectivity

Experience first-in-class features in the All-New Fiesta. Use simple voice commands to play music and make calls with voice-controlled entertainment and Bluetooth hands-free dialing. Fitted with PowerShift 6-speed transmission that allows for smoother gear changes, the Fiesta is one of the most fuel efficient in its class. To register for a test drive, SMS TDP to 0922-999-0271.

THE ALL-NEW **FIESTA**

Ford

Feel the difference

ford.com.ph
emailus@ford.com

Ford Group Philippines

Ford FIESTA
24 HOUR
Parts Guarantee

Aplus METRO
Editor Abelardo S. Ulanday

Mayors junk Edsa odd-even scheme

Proposal to include public utility buses in number code okayed

By Tina G. Santos and Julie M. Aurelio

THE METRO Manila Council (MMC), the policy-making body of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) composed of the mayors of 16 cities and one town in the metropolis, on Friday decided to shelve the proposal to implement the odd-even scheme for private vehicles and city and provincial buses along Edsa in a move to decongest traffic in the major thoroughfare.

Experimental basis

In its place, the MMC agreed to include public utility buses (PUBs) in the Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction Program (UVVRP), the number coding scheme, on an experimental basis starting mid-November.

PUBs were covered by the UVVRP until 2006 when then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo ordered their exemption upon the urging of bus operators.

Special committee

The MMC also decided to create a special committee on traffic to be headed by Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista, co-chaired by Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay and Malabon Mayor Jaime Lopez.

The committee was tasked to craft guidelines on the UVVRP on buses, in close coordination with the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

MMDA Chair Francis Tolentino said the odd-even proposal was brought out following an evaluation of a study by the University of the Philippines' National Center for Transportation Studies, which found that even under the current number coding scheme, Edsa private buses had breached their maximum-carrying capacity.

Another study conducted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency yielded findings that Edsa could physically accommodate up to 1,600 buses; around 3,800 city franchised buses currently use the Edsa route.

Innovative measures

The council deemed it best to explore other innovative measures aimed at reducing the traffic problem, such as including public buses in the current UVVRP or another coding scheme, he said.

It also resolved to step up traffic enforcement measures and drivers' education, and enabling an Urban Transport Code of Conduct Social Responsibility, taking into consideration the welfare of the people, the MMDA chair added.

During a consultation with bus operators recently, bus operators expressed their willingness to be covered by the existing number coding scheme.

World Bank report

The MMDA also cited a 2009 World Bank report which estimated that traffic along Edsa and other major thoroughfares in Metro Manila cost the economy at least P277 million daily or approximately $2 billion a year in terms of lost man-hours.

Present during yesterday's meeting were Mayors Jhaji Ista, Rhoderick Santiabuban of Valenzuela, Tarlac Governor of Caloocan, John Rey Tiangco of Navotas, Del de Guzman of Marikina, Benhur Abalos of Mandaluyong, Alfredo Lim of Manila and Jaime Medina of the Municipality of Pateros.

Caloocan Vice Mayor and concurrent president of the Vice Mayor's League of the Philippines Edgardo Erice and Councilors' League of the Philippines president Serafin Bernardo also attended the meeting.

Stakeholders

Bautista said they would also consult the stakeholders—from commuters to operators to drivers—since there are many issues that need to be addressed first before any scheme is implemented.

The council initially planned to implement the odd-even scheme from Nov. 15 to Jan. 15, 2011, but Abalos proposed that the number coding scheme for city buses be implemented on the mezzanine.

"There are many issues that should be considered, so we cannot just impose it right away. The MMDA should find other ways how to decongest traffic along Edsa, like banning interim (operating with no franchise) buses," he said.

Bautista's special committee is planning to finish its study and come up with a comprehensive traffic management plan by the end of the year.

The plan, he added, will serve as a "general framework" for traffic management policy in heavily congested Metro Manila and will include the study of the proposed odd-even scheme.

Bautista added that they will confer with the LTFRB regarding the issue of franchises of buses travelling along Edsa.

"The LTFRB should strictly implement the regulations on the franchises of the buses. It should suspend the issuances of franchises to buses to those whose franchises have already expired. This is one way of reducing the number of vehicles plying the Edsa route," he added.

Isn't the gov't violating law on mendicancy?

THE PROPOSED 2011 billion budget for the country's poorest of the poor would be a big source of graft if it is approved.

Who will monitor the conditional cash transfer (CCT)— the government's euphemism for dole—where it is distributed among the country's most impoverished?

How will the government track down the recipients of such a huge amount—922 billion?

Chairman Joey Villar of the Commission on Audit (COA) told this writer it would be very difficult to know how the huge amount would be spent.

"We don't have that many people to check whether the hard core is recruited (voter) clients," Villar said.

The target number of intended beneficiaries is 3.9 million families.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the holder of the CCT, could just as well invent names of beneficiaries.

* * *

Pangasinan Rep. Kimi Cojuangco said that when she was mayor, she found that certain officers of the DSWD were giving cash assistance to their relatives and other individuals who were not among the poorest of the poor.

Cojuangco is the wife of Mark Cojuangco, President Noy's cousin.

Mr Cojuangco and Ilse Interchur received the cash aid from the DSWD headed in 2004 by Soliman, who is supposedly "compassionate, ambitious and unmindful."

GMA should know, after all, giving the dole was her idea.

On Target

Ramon Tulfo

* * *

Former President and now Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is against it, saying it is "irresponsible, ambitious and unmindful."

GMA should know, after all, giving the dole was her idea.

"I've been there, Mr. Speaker," the former President said of the conditional cash transfer.

She knew where most of the money went. Not to the poorest of the poor, but to people close to her.

There's a saying in Filipino, "Ang magnanakaw ay galit sa kapwa magnanakaw" (A thief hates another thief)."

* * *

Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman has defended the administration's P21-billion cash dole.

"Our mandate is to help the poorest of the poor," she said.

Help Do poor, or drive them to become lazy?

Why doesn't the Aquino administration spend the money on promoting livelihood opportunities?

* * *

There's a law that prohibits begging in the streets and giving alms to beggars.

Both the beggar and the giver can be arrested and caught.

Isn't the government violating the law against mendicancy?

Welcome to the country's one & only true private cinema.

myCinema is where you can enjoy the latest movies, hangout and party or do corporate presentations and launches with the cool crowd.

Greenbelt

Student dead, 2 others injured in pillbox blast

By Joannes G. Arnaldo

A MARINO engineering student of the Technological Institute of the Philippines died before dawn yesterday several hours after a pillbox was thrown at him while he was engaged in a drinking spree with friends in Manila.

A cyanide graduate of the Manuel L. Quezon University (MLQU) and a marine engineering graduate were injured in the blast. The pillbox thrower, who remains unidentified, immediately fled after the incident.

Reddicliff Magsaysay, 22, was pronounced dead at around 3 a.m. yesterday by attending doctors at Mary Chiles Hospital.

His companions and drinking buddies, MLQU student Carlo Llavore and Jovic Carpio, a marine engineering graduate, remain confined at the same hospital for the treatment of abrasions on the shoulder and on the chest.

Manila Police District (MPD) Station 3 commander Supt. Jaime Abalos said the incident happened at around 9:30 p.m. Thursday along Granada Street near the corner of Laguardia Street in Quiapo.

Drinking spree

Abalos said that before the incident, Magsaysay, Carpio, Llavore, and a certain Mark Joseph Serafino agreed to hold a drinking session just across Magsaysay's boarding house.

While the group was in the middle of the session, a man clad in a white T-shirt went over dominoes table and reportedly threw an object at Carpio and then hastily left the scene.

The object turned out to be a pillbox that exploded on impact.

Magsaysay fell on the pavement with blood oozing from his head while Carpio and Llavore were hit by shrapnel.

The three victims were brought to the nearest hospital, where Magsaysay succumbed to head wounds while undergoing treatment.

"During the conduct of the investigation, the victims were hesitant to divulge any information for still unknown reasons," Abalos said.

Turnover

The case was turned over by MPD Station 3 to the homicide section for follow-up operations to determine the motive behind the attack and to identify the perpetrator.

EXPERIENCE IT BEST

NOW SHOWING AT AYALA MALLS CINEMAS

3D DIGITAL CINEMAS

GLORIETTA 4 · GREENBELT 3 · ALABANG TOWN CENTER · MARKET! MARKET! · AYALA CENTER CEBU · TRINOMA

SPONSORED PASSION TO LIFE

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Man accused of strangling son's classmate

By Nancy C. Carvajal

A SIXGRADE wunderman who allegedly strangled to death a grade school classmate of his son was arrested at his home in Quezon City on Thursday evening, a police report said.

The father, a member of the Barangay Bahayan Hills Public Safety Officer (BPSO) was identified as Jose Mari Hontanilla Sr., a resident of No. 98 Mayo 1 Kalibra, Bahayan Hills in Quezon City.

PO2 Jeguian Hernandez of the Quezon City Police District said Hontanilla was arrested by fellow barangay watchmen after Jayson Napenada, a teacher, filed a complaint against him.

Hernandez said the victim, a 12-year old grade four pupil of Batasan Hills Elementary School and a resident of Block 11 Lot 5 Sitio Kalabkaban, died at the East Avenue Medical Center on Thursday afternoon, three days after the BPSO member allegedly attacked the boy inside the school compound.

Napenada told police that he was at the school compound last Oct. 12 to meet the victim's parents and discuss with the graduate attended to incidents involving the victim and the Hontanilla's 16-year old son.

The two boys had figured in a fist fight inside the classroom last Oct. 8, the couhers added.

However, the victim's parents did not show up, which angered the suspect, according to Napenada.

Hontanilla then sought out the young victim and led him out of the classroom.

The teacher said he followed the suspect and the victim and saw Hontanilla choke the young student but fight back his son.

Napenada recounted that he also saw the suspect grab the victim's neck and only stopped when he intervened.

Three days after the incident, the victim told him he had back pains, Napenada added.

The teacher brought the boy to the East Avenue Medical Center at around 6 a.m., but he died a few hours later.

Hernandez said the BPSO member remains in the custody of the police and will be charged with homicide.

LIVE VIA SATELLITE

November 14, 2010 (Sunday) 8:00 a.m. (Manila Time)

GLORIETTA 4 · GREENBELT 3 · GREENBELT 5 · ALABANG TOWN CENTER · MARKET! MARKET! · TRINOMA · MARQUEE · AYALA CENTER CEBU

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

dti

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS

This is to advise importers of products covered by the Department of Trade and Industry - Bureau of Product Standards (DTI-BPS) Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) Scheme to have their importation inventoried and sampled by BPS-recognized inspection bodies within three (3) days after release of goods by the Bureau of Customs (BOC).

Importers who fail to comply with this requirement shall be issued show cause order and the BPS may reserve the right not to issue conditional release for their subsequent shipments.

CIRILA S. BOTOR
Officer-In-Charge
Bureau of Product Standards

MetroBriefs

Man faces voyeurism raps

A 33-YEAR-OLD call center agent on Friday was arrested and slapped with voyeurism charges in Mandaluyong City for recording and uploading into the Internet a video of his carnal encounter with a former girlfriend, Jo-ann Albert Buhay, a resident of Barangay Addition Hills, Mandaluyong City, was arrested by the members of the Mandaluyong police at the Barangay Public Market on Friday at around 11 a.m., said SPO1 Eleonor Rosario, head of the women and children's desk. He was later charged at the Mandaluyong Prosecutor's Office with violations of the Anti-Voyeurism Against Women and their Children Act of 2004 and RA 9995, also known as the Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act. Ma-24-year-old ex-girlfriend went to the women's desk to seek for police help after she discovered that her nude photos and a video of her sex acts with Buhay had been uploaded on Facebook, a popular social networking site. —Ella Calupitan

Seraphinists' meet on Oct. 19

THE METRO Manila South and Metro Manila South-East Districts of the Seraphinist International (SI) of the Philippines Region will gather for quad district meeting on Oct. 19 at the Manila City Hall Museum. Governor is SPP governor Philanna B. Papa, together with region officers and board members, past governors, district directors, officers and members. The meeting is held annually to highlight the accomplishments of the different clubs. Special guest is Dr. Carmen Valdes, assistant dean of Emmanuel Hospital College, who will talk on "Drug Trafficking and the Importance of Education." The Metro Manila South District is led by District Director Rajes Tinga, with four clubs and their respective presidents: SI Tagaig, SI Alabang—Ching Acosta; president; SI Las Piñas and SI Parañaque—Anne Enriquez. The Metro Manila South-East District, composed of seven clubs, with its presidents: SI Antipolo, Cyd Marquez; SI Edsa-Villagers, Tina Sandoval; SI Makati, Mimi Casanova-Ambe; SI Mandaluyong, Style Peñaloza; SI SI Ugat & Interflores, Ven Velasco; SI Rizal, Marilen Cruz; and SI San Juan, Baby Ortiz.

The WORLD

Editor Lawrence B. Quncio

US uses attacks to prompt Taliban to seek end to war

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN—Airstrikes on Taliban insurgents have risen sharply here over the past four months, the latest piece in what appears to be a coordinated effort by US commanders to bleed the insurgency and pressure its leaders to negotiate an end to the war.

US pilots pounded the Taliban with 2,100 bombs or missiles from June through September, with 700 in September alone, air force officers here said on Thursday. That is an increase of nearly 50 percent over the same period last year, records show.

The stepped-up air campaign is part of what appears to be an intensifying US effort, orchestrated by Gen. David H. Petraeus, to break the military stalemate here as pressure intensifies at home to bring the 9-year-old war to an end. In recent weeks, 100 metal-bar fortified walls have been built to protect units and hundred-large speedbumps to clear overhead of Taliban ambushes.

And it seems increasingly clear that he is partly using the attacks to expand a parallel path to the end of the war—US-led diplomatic initiative, very much in its infancy but ultimately aimed at persuading the Taliban—or large parts of the movement—to make peace with the Afghan government.

In recent weeks, US officials have spoken approvingly in public of new contacts between Taliban leaders and the Afghan government. On Wednesday they acknowledged their active involvement by helping Taliban leaders travel to Kabul to talk peace.

On the diplomatic front, Afghan leaders said on Thursday that they were seeing what they believed were the first positive signs from the Taliban in a newer conference in Kabul, Burhanuddin Rabbani, the leader of a council charged with making peace, said that clandestine with Taliban leaders—carried through a third parties—were under way.

"The Taliban have not rejected peace completely," said Rabbani, a former Afghan president. They want the talks "to take place," he added.

For all the efforts, US and Afghan officials were quick to play down any suggestion that peace was in hand—or even in sight. Many of the Taliban leaders, if not the movement's foot soldiers, have given no sign that they are willing to make any sort of deal. NYT

AN AFGHAN soldier peers from the turret of a military armored vehicle in Kunar province. AFP

Sweden strong, US lags in government effectiveness

WASHINGTON—Sweden and the Netherlands scored high, with the United States lagging in high-income peers in a new ranking of government effectiveness on Thursday with the "Rule of Law Index."

The first report by the World Justice Project ranks governments in a variety of categories such as absence of corruption, due and stable laws, open government and access to the justice system.

The aim of the project is to advance the rule of law around the world in a manner that transcends income and cultural limits.

"Establishing the rule of law is fundamental to achieving communities of opportunity and equity...communities that offer sustainable economic development, accountable governments, and respect for fundamental rights," the report said.

"Without the rule of law, societies do not reach health facilities due to corruption; women in rural areas remain unaware of their rights; people are killed in criminal violence; businesses cannot enforce contracts because of expropriation risk. The rule of law is the cornerstone to improving public health, safeguarding participation, curbing poverty and fighting poverty."

While the report, based on a three-year study, provides no single rank for the 35 countries examined, it showed Sweden at the top in five of the nine categories—limited government powers, clear and well-publicized laws, absence of corruption, effective regulation, and open government.

The Netherlands also scored high, ranking second in five categories and third in two others.

Australia was the top country for "fundamental rights," and an effective criminal justice system while Singapore topped the list for "order and security" and access to civil justice.

The United States did not top any categories but was third in open government. Most of the rankings were near the bottom of the 35 high-income nations.

According to the report, which was based on 35,000 questionnaires and numerous interviews, "the findings need to be interpreted in light of certain inherent limitations."

"While the index is helpful in tracking the 'temperature' of the rule of law direction in the countries under study, it is not powerful enough to provide a full diagnosis or to dictate concrete priorities for action. No single index can convey a full picture of a society's situation."

Among the seven upper middle-income nations studied, Poland topped the list in five categories including fundamental rights and effective criminal justice, while South Africa was best in four categories including open government and effective regulation.

The report offered a bleak picture of Latin America, saying many countries in the region "have the highest crime rates in the world."

"The high crime rates in the region may be related to the generally poor performance of the criminal investigation and adjudication systems," it said. Mexico and Bolivia were the worst countries in terms of criminal justice.

In Asia, Japan, Australia and Singapore scored well with the Philippines and Indonesia dragged down by weak justice systems and corruption. AFP

Europe to propose ban on cloning farm animals

BRUSSELS—European Union regulators are preparing to propose rules on cloned livestock that would be stronger than those in the United States with regard to animal disease. But the rules would seek to avoid trade tensions by allowing imports of food produced from the offspring of clones as well as imports of semen and embryos from cloned breeding.

The European Commission's report, which is expected on Tuesday, will recommend a ban on the cloning of farm animals in Europe for five years, and on importing live clones, according to a person briefed on the report who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The rules, which would replace the current patchwork of legislation and guidelines in the European Union, are intended to address growing unease in Europe about cloning and food after a handful of breeders in Switzerland, Britain and possibly other countries imported semen and embryos from clones or their progeny from the United States to breed more productive livestock.

Animal welfare advocates contend that cloning leads to suffering, including stillbirth births. They also say cloned animals can face health problems later.

The rules, if approved by the governments of member countries and by the European Parliament, would ban using cloned clones in the food supply in Europe. In the United States, the Agriculture Department has taken a different approach, asking farmers to voluntarily keep all clone clones out of the food supply for now as it can manage a "smooth and orderly" transition to market. NYT

Relatively little actual cloning is taking place in Europe, partly because it is expensive and there is no ready demand.

WORLD BRIEFS

Pakistan flood damage $9.7B, says World Bank

BRUSSELS—The floods that swept Pakistan since July caused about $9.7 billion in damage, almost double the amount caused by a 2005 earthquake, the World Bank and Asian Development Bank said on Thursday. The estimate was released by the two banks ahead of a key meeting in Brussels on Friday aimed at reviewing Pakistan's relief and recovery efforts. The Friends of Democratic Pakistan meeting gathers 26 countries and institutions. The estimate covers damage to infrastructure like roads, bridges, schools and railroads, the World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB). That "is almost double the amount of damage caused by the 2005 Pakistan earthquake," said Rome Sheron, ADB country director for Pakistan. AFP

Somali-American named PM of Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia—The Somali president on Thursday named a Somali-American to succeed the prime minister whose resignation last month brought the weak transitional government to a standstill "after long consultations and enquiry." President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed said at a news conference in Mogadishu, "we have succeeded in nominating the right and proper person." The appointee, Mohamed Abdiweli Mohamed, was back in the Somali Embassy in Washington from 1980 to 1986, according to a statement on the government's website. He has a master's degree in political science and taught conflict resolution and leadership skills at Erie Community College in Buffalo, N.Y. "I am ready to work with the members of this parliament and, if God wills, I will appoint the new council of ministers soon," Mohamed said. "Security is the first priority for my government." NYT

Alleged chat between Mexico solon, capo leaked

MEXICO CITY—A radio station broadcast what it described as a telephone conversation involving a federal lawmaker and one of Mexico's biggest drug lords expressing support for each other. Al Radio said the alleged conversation took place last year between lawmaker Cesar Godoy and La Familia cartel leader Servando Gomez, known as "La Tuta." In it, Godoy and Gomez express support for each other and discuss bribing a deputy. Godoy represents the western state of Michoacan, La Familia's stronghold. He already faces federal charges for allegedly protecting the cartel but has insisted he's innocent because he's a congressman. He was one of 36 people in Michoacan—including politicians, lawyers, prosecutors, police and judges—arrested last year of ties to La Familia.

Action for beheadings in Asia and bullet attacks on soldiers and police. Al Radio said the conversation was included among evidence federal prosecutors sent to Congress in a petition to have Godoy's immunity lifted. AP

Ready, set, snore! Spain holds siesta contest

MADRID—Some stained pillows or stuffed animals, others taught back giggles as they sought to take a siesta in public—all in the name of playing a quintessentially Spanish custom interrupted by the demands of modern life. Amid the hum of a shopping center, with babies wailing and pop music piped in overhead, dozens of people tried to snooze on Thursday in what was billed as Spain's first siesta competition. The goal—to promote Spain's cherished post-lunchtime nap—is no joke, although the costumes of some who participated may be. As the nine-day session dragged on under way, some competitors snuggled with giant stuffed animals or clutched pillows like babies with comforters. Others wore sleep eye masks to block the light. A young man in faced judge with a T-shirt bearing the letters "ZZZ" monitored the proceedings perched high on a lifeguard's chair. Contestants in groups of five were given 20 minutes to lie down on garish blue couches and timed by a doctor with a pulse-measuring device to determine how long they spent snoozing. They could win extra points for snoring, adopting goofy sleep positions or wearing outlandish night wear in plain view of gawking shoppers. AP

Novartis drug helps combat rare tumors, say researchers

MILAN—Patients with advanced cancerous doctors cancers, a rare type of cancer, lived 11 months longer without their disease worsening when given Novartis' drug Afinitor, researchers said on Monday.

The new data add to the idea for using the potential blockbuster in this niche area, following its approval as a treatment for kidney cancer last year.

Novartis previously said the latest Phase III trial had produced clinically meaningful results, even though it slightly missed predefined statistical significance. But details were only released at the European Society for Medical Oncology (Esmo) congress in Milan.

Researchers involved in assessing the drug played down the statistical "miss," which they said reflected imbalances in the treatment arms of the so-called Pasdium-2 trial.

An earlier study, known as Pasdium-1, did meet its endpoint by extending progression-free survival in patients with advanced pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (PNETs).

The Swiss drug maker said it would use that it planned to seek worldwide regulatory approval for Afinitor as a treatment for PNETs this year.

The new drug works by blocking a protein known as mTOR and is given in combination with Novartis' older drug Sandostatin, or octreotide LAR.

Industry analysts believe sales of Afinitor, or everolimus, will reach $1 billion a year by 2014, driven initially by its use in kidney cancer, according to consensus forecasts compiled by Thomson Reuters.

Overall, patients given Afinitor and Sandostatin lived a median 16.4 months before their disease progressed, against 11.3 months for those on placebo plus Sandostatin, in the latest 429-patient trial.

"When we designed the study we aimed for an improvement of at least 4.5 months compared to octreotide LAR and were pleased with the resulting 5.1-month difference," said lead investigator Dr. Marianne Pavel from Charite University in Berlin.

Neuroendocrine tumors affect less than five people in 100,000 each, and some tumors have been low-treatment options.

The tumors can occur throughout the body and although most are slow-growing, some can be highly malignant. Reuters

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

INVITATION TO BID

The PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA), through the Overall Appropriating Authority (OAA) intends to apply the sum of P [illegible] being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Construction of Improvements and Expansion Building, Upper Ground Floor, Replacement of the POEA/PCG Building Escalator System and Phase NO. 1 Replacement of the POEA/PCG Building Conference Paging System, respectively, being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC). Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

The POEA now invites bids for the following services listed below:

ITEM/DESCRIPTION	Approved Budget Contract (ABC)	DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)		Place of Bid Submission (Bid Specifications)
		Pre-Bid Conference	Deadline of Submission and Opening of Bids	
Construction of Multipurpose Area Improvements / Expansion / Operation System:				
Phase NO. 1: Replacement of the POEA/PCG Building Escalator System	P4,197,000.00	Oct. 22, 2010	Nov. 05, 2010	Php500.00
-NO ARCHIVES-		10:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	
Phase NO. 2: Replacement of the POEA/PCG Building Conference Paging System	P1,782,672.00			P1,000.00
-NO ARCHIVES-				

Bidders should have at least two (2) completed similar on-going similar project, within a five (5) year period from the date of submission and receipt of bids. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat, 3rd Floor Main F. Cano Bldg., Ortigas Avenue corner EDSA, Mandaluyong City and inspect the Bidding Documents at the start address at any time between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders beginning on October 18, 2010 from the address above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents.

The POEA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on October 22, 2010, 10:00 a.m. in Pasay City, Replacement of the POEA/PCG Building Escalator System and Phase NO. 1 Replacement of the POEA/PCG Building Conference Paging System, at the 4th Floor, Office of the Director for Licensing and Regulation, Main F. Cano Bldg., Ortigas Avenue corner EDSA, Mandaluyong City, which shall not open to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding Documents.

Bids for Phase NO. 1 - Replacement of the POEA/PCG Building Escalator System and for Phase NO. 2 Replacement of the POEA/PCG Building Conference Paging System must be delivered to the BAC Secretariat, 3rd Floor, Office of the Director for Licensing and Regulation, Main F. Cano Bldg., Ortigas Avenue corner EDSA, Mandaluyong City on or before 2:00 p.m. of November 05, 2010. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18.

Bid opening shall be on November 05, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. BAC Secretariat, 3rd Floor Office of the Director for Licensing and Regulation, Main F. Cano Bldg., Ortigas Avenue corner EDSA, Mandaluyong City. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address above mentioned. Late bids shall not be accepted.

All parties, relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the contract provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), as amended.

The POEA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to declare all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

The POEA assumes no responsibility whatsoever to consortiums or indirectly obliged for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

For further information, please refer to:

BAC Secretariat
3rd Floor, Main F. Cano Bldg.
Ortigas Avenue corner EDSA
Mandaluyong City
Telefax: (02) 721-1483

Approved by:

JOHNSON ANGELO
ATTY. MELCHOR DIZON
BAC Chairperson

A comedy showdown
with your favorite funny men!
Get ready to laugh your hearts out!

LOL

LAUGH OR LOSE

Hosted by the Bossing of Comedy, **Vic Sotto**,
together with the kulitandem of **Wally** and **Jose**.
Sino kaya ang pinaka-nakakatawa at
sino naman ang magiging kawawa?

#1 on its first airing

Watch as Bossing hosts the newest and wackiest comedy laugh-off!
2 teams ang magpapa-kwelahan at magpapa-kengkoyan. Ang matawa, uuwing talunan!

Saturday, before Talentadong Pinoy

TV 5

WHAT'S INSIDE
■ 'Sloppy' Aces wallop sloppier E. Painters /A28

SPORTS
Editor Teddyvic S. Melendres
Assistant Editor Francis T. J. Ochoa
Mobile line: Text RECEIPTS to 2467 | Website: www.inquirer.net/sports | E-mail us: sports@inquirer.com.ph
Send your feedback: readers.services@inquirer.com.ph

Red Lions make NCAA history

PLAYERS, officials and supporters of the San Beda Red Lions savor their fourth NCAA championship victory in two seasons, this time over the San Sebastian Stags, at the Araneta Coliseum. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Perfect San Beda sweeps SSC for title

By Cedelf P. Rojas

EXCELLENCE PROMISED. Excellence delivered.

Tougher when it mattered, San Beda reclaimed the NCAA basketball crown in record-setting fashion at the Red Lions' second title in 78 decisions over the San Sebastian Stags last night that capped a perfect 18-0 season before an adoring throng at the Araneta Coliseum.

Beda's Daniel produced a performance worthy of his Most Valuable Player award, Garvo Lanete delivered in the clutch as he had all season, and Stags' Mikenda provided much-needed drama in crunchtime as the Lions roared to their fourth crown in five years.

Lions' roar
The NCAA Finals
2006 — San Beda
FILA 2-1
2007 — San Beda
San Beda 2-0
2008 — San Beda
San Beda 2-0
2009 — San Beda
San Beda 2-0
2010 — San Beda
San Beda 2-0

San Beda's Red Cubs set up the championship double by crushing the San Sebastian Stags, 95-64, to sweep the best-of-three juniors' finals earlier.

It marked only the eighth time that a school pulled off a sweep of the collegiate and juniors' crowns in the NCAA, and the first since Letran achieved the feat in 1993.

The Lions moved within a stroke of matching Letran's record of 16 season titles.

"Excellence," said San Beda coach Frankie Lim when asked to describe their big season.

"This victory belongs to our team, our supporters and the San Beda community. I don't think there's any term in this league that works harder," added Lim, a member of the 1979 San Beda squad, who was a key cog in the Lions' first championship run.

Lim's wards, who finished with a 14-4 record in the eliminations, were pushed to the limit by the Stags in the first game of the best-of-three championship series.

But the Lions showed their mettle in the second game, overcoming a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter to win, 74-73, and force the rubber match.

Lanete, who was named Finals MVP, said the Lions' victory was a product of their hard work and determination.

"We just wanted to win it for our coaches and our supporters," said Lanete, who finished with 14 points, 10 rebounds and four assists.

Daniel, who was named Most Valuable Player, said he was happy to end his collegiate career on a high note.

"I'm very happy that I was able to help my team win the championship," said Daniel, who finished with 15 points, 10 rebounds and two assists.

Mikenda, who was named Most Improved Player, said he was happy to help his team win the championship.

"I'm very happy that I was able to help my team win the championship," said Mikenda, who finished with 12 points, 10 rebounds and two assists.

Lim, who was named Coach of the Year, said he was happy to win the championship.

"I'm very happy that I was able to win the championship," said Lim, who finished with a 14-4 record in the eliminations.

POC: No Asiad stint for paddlers

By Marc Anthony Reyes

AMID ALLEGATIONS of doctored findings, the Philippine Olympic Committee has banned yesterday's drug-related issue from the country's kayak-canoe entries after expressing "serious concerns over the procedures and references used in the study."

In a statement, POC chair Monico Puentevella said the time trials held by the Philippine Dragonboat Federation and supervised by the Olympic body did not accurately reflect the conditions of the race course.

It stopped short of saying, though, that the results of the time trials—in which the men's and women's paddlers surpassed Asian Champi on

POC /A27

Fellow Jaycees, thank you very much for trusting us (JCI-Legazpi) to host 2012 JCIP Natcon.

Tamitha bests Clarice for Vietnam title

dtti

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that CENTRAL LEGEN BASIC HOMES, INC. with office address at Mac Arthur Highway Brgy. Iba'ng Ilang, Guiguinto, Bulacan, is applying for registration with the Board of Investments (BOI) as Non Preferred Activity Low Cost Mass Housing (Socialized Housing), will operate as a non-pioneer status with project/plant site located at Brgy. Tabang, Guiguinto, Bulacan.

Any person with valid objections on the above-mentioned projects may file his/her objection in writing, under oath, with the BOI within three (3) days from the date of this publication.

(Sgd.) DOMINGO C. MAGAPORO
Director
Project Evaluation and Registration Department

BOI – October 10, 2015

TAMITHA NGUYEN capitalized on an error-prone counterpart Clarice Patrimonio to pull off a 6-2, 6-3 rout on Friday and nail the girls' singles crown of the Between ITF Junior Championships at the Binh Duong Tennis Stadium in Vietnam.

In a first All-Filipino final in tennis overseas, Tamitha, daughter of former national titlist and UE NCAA singles champion Edna Olivares Nguyen, duplicated Patrimonio's ITF singles victory in Hong Kong a week earlier.

Bertranico made amends by teaming up with Indonesian partner Nadya Syahfiah to outlast the tough Vietnamese pair of Ngoc Minh Nguyen and Thi Thuanh Bui Phan in the doubles finals, 7-6, 6-2, 12-10.

The daughter of former PBA sparrow Alvin Bertranico and wife Cindy set up match point with a down-the-line shot and clinched the win with a volley winner, 12-10.

Tamitha earlier upset top seed Nadya Syahfiah of Indonesia 6-1, 6-0, to avenge the finals duel with Clarice, who claimed back from the brink to nip Thai Sasanya Wanpiyajigul, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, in a grueling three-hour semifinal.

"I didn't see pressure going against a fellow Filipina and made too many errors," Cindy Patrimonio told the bayan.

Coach Joel Santamaria said Clarice showed only 50 percent of her usual game.

Tamitha easily won the first set, 6-2, and led 4-0 in the second, before Clarice belatedly "started playing her usual game."

Santamaria said Clarice "put too much pressure on herself."

"She didn't move and couldn't get her shots in [in the finals]," he said. "She kept thinking too much. On a normal day, others from Silliman University would be able to take against her. Anyway, she will learn."

It was a breakthrough victory for Tamitha as she beat the Indonesian for the first time in three head-to-head encounters this year.

Tamitha, who just turned 16 last Oct. 7, is set to the same Indonesian in the quarterfinals of the Indonesia F9 event last June.

Like Bertranico days' work in Hong Kong, the Vietnam victory was Tamitha's first career single title in an ITF event. Bayside Sorbetcafe; with a report from Allan Anthony Reyes

TAMITHA Nguyen prepares to hit a forehand against Clarice Patrimonio.

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
National Capital Region
(Old NCR Building), #6 Intramuros St.
Manila, Manila

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMITS (AEP/E)

Notice is hereby given that the following companies/employers have filed with this Regional Office applications for Alien Employment Permits:

Name and Address of Company/ Employer	Name of Foreign National/Citizenship	Position
H & P FAMILY, TRAVEL CORPORATION 27 Padilla Bldg., San Francisco, Antipolo, Rizal, Makati Center	Hyeon Soo Lee/ a.k.a. Lee/ Korean	Marketing Manager
CONCERTO, INC. Unit 1102 Pacific Star Bldg., 7794 Ayala Ave. cor. V.A. Rufino St., Makati City	Ann Woodcock/ Irish	Senior Associate Architect
ONE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC. Unit 1, 2nd Floor, Cyber One Building, 11 Eastwood Ave., Eastwood City, Bagumbayan, Quezon City, Metro Manila	Lee Min Lin/ Taiwanese	Technical Operations Officer
RESULTS INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, INC. 107 Citibank Tower, 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, Philippines, 1226	The Sok Lim/ Malaysian	Project Consultant
REAL ESTATE CUSTOMER LEAD MANAGEMENT PHILIPPINES, INC. Building 7, 7th Corporate Office, 7900 Bay Area, Bldg. Central Boulevard Park, Bay City, Pasay City	Robert Wright/ Canadian	CCRC Senior Manager
GOLDFINGER INTERNATIONAL, INC. Unit 9C, 9th Floor, Cityland Condominium 2, 154 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City	Lee Alex/ Chinese	Chief Operating Officer
BRIDGES MISCELLANEOUS PHILIPPINES BRANCH G/F Trade Hall, Metro Manila Commerce Center, Northgate, Filinvest Alabang, Muntinlupa City	Nagendran Renu/ Indian	Process Specialist
MAN HOME CONST. CORP. 11318 Lopez St., San Antonio, Pasay City, Philippines, Manila	Kuan Lee Hoong/ Malaysian	Project Coordinator / Consultant
JUNIOR INC. Unit Open One Bldg., Eastwood City, Bagumbayan, Quezon City	Ibrahim Abdul Rahaman/ Indian	Technical Consultant
JUNIOR INC. Unit Open One Bldg., Eastwood City, Bagumbayan, Quezon City	Vora Paul Dilan/ Indian	Technical Consultant
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS PHILIPPINES CORP. 6/F Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Ave., Makati City	Chyun Park/ Korean	Trade Warehouse Senior Staff for Service Marketing Group
LTG PHILIPPINES, INC. 12/F Petron Megaplaza Bldg., 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City	Chun Ho/ Chinese	Technical Manager
LTG PHILIPPINES, INC. 12/F Petron Megaplaza Bldg., 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City	Xiuchen Zhang/ Chinese	Financing Manager
MAYTAR INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Unit 1101 Technology Tower, 22 San Miguel Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Lu Meng/ Chinese	Translator
MAYTAR INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Unit 1101 Technology Tower, 22 San Miguel Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Shen Meng/ Chinese	Customer Service Representative
DELL INTERNATIONAL SERVICES (PHILIPPINES) INC. 27/F Net One Center, Fort Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City	Bangalore Ramamurthy Jagadish/ Indian	Country Manager
HOUSE OF DELL ECOMMERCE INT'L SHOE SERVICES CORP. 27/F Net One Center, Fort Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City	Vivek Kumar/ Indian	Director
INTEGRATED CONTACT SOLUTIONS, INC. Unit 1101 Technology Tower, 22 San Miguel Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Ravindra Lal Kalsia/ Indian	CEO / President
TMTT, INC. 3/F Tower 1 - The Enterprise Center, Ayala Ave., Makati City	Unit Supplier Shaligram Lakhotia/ Indian	Director, Finance
GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES PHILIPPINES, INC. 6/F Liam Tower, Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Bhaskaraya Ramakanta Upadhyay/ Indian	Department Manager

If you have any information/objection to the above-mentioned applications please communicate with the Regional Director.

RAYMUNDO G. AGRAVANTE
Regional Director

Manila Bay – Oct. 10, 2015

1,500 get going in Little Olympics

CALOOCAN CITY (MB)—National Capital Region looks to reassert its supremacy as the 2015 Milo Little Olympics National Finals gets going today at the Don Enrique Belmo Sports Complex here.

The Big City bets are expected to dominate more in athletics and gymnastics, with the Metro looking to sweep its three-again in football and badminton. Mindanao hoping to extend its reign in chess and taekwondo, and Cebu vying to grab a share of the limelight in the event featuring some of the best schoolchildren athletes across the country.

About 1,500 athletes seeking action in the three-day competitions qualified through the regional meets held in Mindanao last NCR, Visayas last Luzon, Cebu for the Visayas and Dagupan de Oro for Mindanao.

Michelle Palmares of the Saint Michelle Palmares of the Saint Michelle Palmares of the Saint

Korean tops Canlubang golf tourney by 3 strokes

By Maong R. Castillo

CANLUBANG, LAGUNA—Nhang Jeong-hyun stroked out with a one-under par 71 yesterday and nailed the 13th Canlubang Amateur Open championship by three strokes over Jobbie Carlos at Canguild's North course here.

Posting three memories of his disqualification in a tournament here last February, the 15-year-old Korean left nothing to chance, opening up with back-to-back birdies on the way to a nine-under-par 207 total over 54 holes.

After being penalized two strokes for a wrong drop on No. 8, Nhang was DQ'd on the final round of the ISM. Ann and subsequently DQ'd after he refused to sign his scorecard.

Carlos, the first round leader who lay a stroke off Nhang overnight, couldn't get his game going and submitted a 73 for a 210 tally. Carlos won a similar close of a hard-finishing Intern students, who contributed to tournament 101 Nhang earned in on Thursday.

Nhan Jeong-hyun another Korean playing out of Eagle Ridge, fired a 71 and finished fourth with a 217 while Peter Villaber, Abram Ballos and Sung Hoon-yoon ended tied at 218 after shooting 70, 73 and 71, respectively.

Ari Arbole ballooned to a 76 and shared eighth place with Jonie Balanday, who also made a 76, at 219, with Zaraldey Cladon, Carl Justine Cabangbang, Kyung Kwal Hwang-yang was the Top 12 with 222 totals after subtracting 79, 72 and 71.

Lawdyn Gonzales, meanwhile, ran away with the ladies crown with a two-under 70 for a 134 and a five-stroke victory over ICTSI teammates Jayne Sapio, who also had a 70, and Aubrea Briana, who fired a 69.

MANNY Pacquiao is stepping up in training. AP/GARY MCKELLAR

Typhoon threatens Pacquiao training

TIME LOOMING Typhoon expected to hit Southern Luzon late Sunday or early Monday is threatening to alter the schedule of Manny Pacquiao's last week of training in the country.

Sources said Team Pacquiao could be forced to finish its final week of training in Manila before leaving for Los Angeles on Oct. 23 for the final push of his preparations for his bout against Antonio Margarito next month.

"The typhoon could also change plans for Pacquiao's media day Monday. Top Rank chief Bob Arum is due to fly in early today and then take a private plane to Baguio City, where Team Pacquiao has set up camp.

But reports that Typhoon Megi, which weather reports said may dump the same amount of rainfall on Northern Luzon as Typhoon Ondoy did on Metro Manila late last year, will make landfall late Sunday or early Monday morning which could force Arum to change his itinerary.

Arum has already made plans to head for the country's summer capital by land.

Trainer Freddie Roach, camp insiders said, has also voiced concern about possible landslides that might cut off routes out of Baguio City and delay Team Pacquiao's travel plans.

The typhoon's concern came at a time when things are starting to click in Team Pacquiao, with the pound-for-pound king starting to lean in his preparations for the Margarito bout on Cowboys Stadium for the vacant WBC super welterweight title.

"Manny did great," Arum told the hacksaw after the pound-for-pound champ's workout yesterday at Teodoro's Camp in Baguio City. "It was the best week I've seen all week."

Pacquiao went 14 rounds on the punch-counter with fourth-ever ex-Army Sinai Sithoar, a name Arum is going to use to measure the extent of to boost the impact of intense workouts on Pacquiao's injured bun. Bonnie Hallenstein

Patriots confident even without Johnson

By Jasmine W. Payo

BEIJING—Incorrigibly, the Philippine Patriots aren't too worried playing minus the dominant Anthony Johnson.

Even with the prolific American import out due to injury, coach Leon Alix expects the defensive Patriots to duplicate their triumph against the Busan Barracudas in the Asian Asean Basketball League tonight.

STANDINGS		
Philippines	1	0
Busan	1	0
Malaysia	0	1
Singapore	0	1
Hong Kong	0	1

LAST TODAY
Busan Kolon Explorer
6 p.m. — Philippine Arena
Results at 6:30 Patriots

"Talent-wise, I think we can still match up with Busan's import Johnson," said Alix.

The defending champion Patriots hope to stay on top with a third straight victory against the winless Barracudas at 6 p.m. at the Brunei Indoor Stadium in Bandar Seri Begawan here.

Over in Jakarta, the Thailand Slammers also aim to keep abuzz of the lead when they take on Kenya's Simba Pembamoto at 6 p.m. at The Jakarta Arena.

Johnson got sidelined in the Patriots' thrilling 82-79 triumph over the Singapore Slingers last Saturday due to a lingering injury.

"We just have to play the way we did against Singapore," said Alix.

Alix also expects to draw more from other import Donald Little, the 6-foot-10 Australian who only averaged nine points and 8.5 rebounds in the Slingers' lone win in their triumvirate.

"That shouldn't concern is Donald, he needs to produce a double-double (in this game)," said Alix. "We're not telling about a 10 (points), 10 (rebounds) double-double. It should be a 20-15. But one good thing, Donald brings is the intimidation factor, he can block (shots)."

Tennis, anyone?

INSIDE SPORTS

Ronnie Nathanielsz

FOR THOSE who refuse to hang on to our sweetness—and our memories—it seems to work despite the passing of the times—even tennis. The tennis fiesta figured to an All-Filipino 8-rank in tennis and in the process guaranteed back-to-back victories in girls' singles to PP Juliana runners.

Our only regret is that the spirit of tennis gets relegated since the attention is directed by the big sequestration which saves us, accused with basketball, as though this is the only game in all creation we can make a career by ourselves internationally.

With all due respect, this is a dream that often turns into a nightmare.

Tennis got us strong, we love the sport and enjoy the way the game is played by Filipinos. We would strongly vote, though, that we can also excel in the sport of the native brand of basketball which appears to have been strictinherited by a far more technical game.

The scientific approach is this but no overdose doesn't subtract the adrenalin rush associated with the hysterical basketball arts. Inductor of "The Swing Legend" Robert Jaworski, the likes of Danny Florendo, Jerry Cheng and Eric Cosio, and the entire decade of players like Patrick Aquino and Bernie Salazar which fans long for.

* * *

The Philippines can be more positive to a point to Asia. That's it.

While competing in the Olympics is a formidable goal, perhaps it is the easiest goal. Just train believing that, with our natural-born players, it can be done.

Of course, nothing is impossible, and we sincerely hope we succeed because of the individual passion of coach Rajko Toroman and the imminent businessman-sportsman Manny V. Pangilinan, the man behind the upsurge of interest in the sandlot wars, the collegiate leagues and the sport itself.

We wish to see reputable corporations which invest so much in basketball and, of course, boxing—when it comes to Manny Pangilinan—to consider providing a percentage of their outlays to other sports such as tennis and football, to name just two.

The best way to do that is to build renewed interest in the sport by providing regular coverage on television. It helps when the best of heroes of the sport and provide an impetus to the players themselves.

It also helps interest when young people no take up those sports and respond the basic of athletics in various disciplines are also classic lines for international competitions.

* * *

There are rules really talented kids playing the game, and for the first time in a very time we had a few group of youngsters competing in Bermuda.

The main ones are lead on Ali Filipino girls final, which meant back-to-back titles to bring Hong and Vietnam.

Cluster Sarmiento, daughter of basketball superstar Alvin Patrimonio and wife Cindy, won the singles title in Hong Kong, and Tamitha Nguyen, daughter of Filipino Nguyen, the UE NCAA champion, and his husband Toan Nguyen emerged victorious in Indonesia.

Also competing was the very talented kid from Singapore, Alisha Tampoco, and boys Jerome Mendoza, Jacob Lagmon and Carlo Cunha. They were accompanied by two dedicated youthful coaches in Gel Bautista and Roland Cruz.

There are need to compensate and to gain comparable experience and hone their skills.

Surely our young tennis play ers deserve some recognition and support even on a much smaller scale. Before me, it will be an act if we can get the ball rolling.

POC: No Asiad...

From page A23

ships standards by as fast as seven seconds—were fixed to ensure that the teams qualified for the Asiad.

"We have been maintained that the time trial results reflected that our Singapore skater are not in the best shape for the Asian Games considering the quality of the competition," Buenaventa said.

In POC officials were quoted in a television news interview Thursday night that they originally doubted the accuracy of the time-trial results, claiming they were "unbelievably fast."

Philippine Dragonboat Federation technical director and head coach Nestor Bigas declined to comment on the team's debriefing. He only said that POC secretaries, led by Atty. Steve Hontiveros, will be present during the Oct. 9 trials at La Mesa Dam.

"Our objective is to improve our athletes-to-medal ratio in China, and we are hopeful that this can be achieved with the size of our delegation," said local chief of mission Jose Romasanta.

With the 44-man dragonboat teams out of the team, the Philippine delegation will thus have 136 athletes for the Games.

Saludar cements bronze

By Bonnie Mallonzinka

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT Victor Saludar got off to a spectacular start on opening day of the 51st National Amateur Cup with a first-round demolition of Al Mac Bhandhari of the United Arab Emirates on the Pyeshki Gymnasium Stadium in Finland.

Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines (Abap) executive director Ed Picson said in a message to the boxers that Saludar, who is the youngest in the lineup (19 Libap national team), "must hardly a answer of fight time in deporting of his foe."

A short video clip documented by Picson showed Saludar jumping on Bhandhari with an uncanny flurry that drove his opponent into the ropes. The referee stopped the fight with four seconds remaining and declared Saludar the winner after some 20 seconds.

"We instructed Victorio to go for the jugular early so he could be noted for the bigger fights ahead," Picson said.

The IAE boxer connected with his signature left straight forcing Bahadur to back off for a few seconds before the shorter Filipino launched another furious attack forcing the referee to call a halt at 1:51 of the opening round and name the Filipino of a bronze medal.

Eddie Bebedor also fought later the semifinals with a 4-1 victory over Scotland's Jason Easton.

Second LBC-UFL Season Kicks Off

By Jason Jaculang

The second World Cup in South Africa brought the nation to a football high probably never reached before in the Philippines' history. Everywhere around Metro Manila, restaurants, bars and households were packed with people cheering for their respective teams. As an avid football fan, I was inspiring to see the country, which is widely known for its football fanaticism, could so quickly latch on to what makes the sport such a global phenomenon.

With the hub of Italy, Spain is said to have lost most World Cup fits into easily-lobbied by a million-supplied or football fans. Now, just a few months after this spectacular 32 World Cup, the premier football league in the Philippines is set to kick off once again, dispelling any fears that the sport will return to its state of anonymity in the country.

After a highly successful inaugural season, where the Kinta Fisher domestically winning both the LBC-UFL Cup and League, the Football Association of the Philippines (FAP) and the United Football League (UFL) have joined forces to bring the sport to greater heights in its second campaign. With Nuts agreeing to partner with the league to create excitement and produce a steady flow of talent for the national team, the UFL has the recipe for success.

Games will be broadcast to an audience even never before experienced in the Philippines, held to their first exhibition of nine clubs. Pasargad FC, inter International Manila and Dolphins United and the return of former such as Loyola AFP Working, Green Archers United Kaya-Iloilo, Manila Nomads, Global Cebu, Philippine Navy, Manila Southwoods Club, Laos FC and Stallions FC will also be included in the inaugural LBC-UFL Cup.

With Philippine Hotel Association joining as a major sponsor, LBC continuing as the official sponsor and the likes of CNN, and Milken supporting the league as well, the UFL looks set for another extremely entertaining season of football action.

Catch the opening of the United Football League at the University of Makati at 3pm, as the LBC-UFL Cup Matches for the competition's two highly anticipated matchups: Loyola AFP Working vs Dolphins United and Green Archers United Kaya-Iloilo vs Pasargad FC.

Action continues on Oct 17 at Ateneo Country Club

13:00 - Loyola FC v Bonifacio Garden United
15:00 - Laos FC v Manila Southwoods Club
17:00 - United v Manila Africa

NCA derby race heats up

THE RACE for Stag Fighter of the Year heats up as the Association of Cockers Alliances (NCA) holds the last derby in its Stag Derby Circuit on Oct. 19 at the Vizares Sports Arena in Pasig City.

The derby will be hosted by top cockers Gerry Ramos, the Batangas Group, and Ricky Magtanz.

Fans can expect exciting fights as the crème de la crème in Philippine cockfighting duke it out to win the Stag Fight of the Year trophy and the cash prizes.

The previous NCA derby on Oct. 13 was dominated by Red Alcaliot and the Batangas Group. "Fratelo 14" and "Lexi" of the Batangas Group emerged champions with 3 points each.

ALASKA's Eman Sumigan disputes the rebound with Rain or Shine's Beksmen Mercado (right) and Gabe Norwood in last night's game. RONALD RAZO

SPORTS

Blue Water Day Spa fun run unfolds tomorrow

A STAR-STUDDED Blue Water Day Spa fun run finds off tomorrow with the country's leading celebrities and a slate of fourteen events joining close to 1,000 participants at the Old Mall in the province's Pasay City.

Bb/Sb endorsers Tyler Mills, Kaycie, Mikaela Cagbabanan-Martinez, Fabio Ide, Daniel Matsunaga, Bryan Labrusca and running coach Ric dela Cruz head the roster of celebrities in the event which features 3K, 5K and 10K races.

'Sloppy' and 'stupid' seize early PBA lead

By Hussein R. Castillo

TIM COONE described his team's game as sloppy. Chot Reyes called his squad's performance stupid.

And these were the winning coaches Alaska and Talk 'N Text earned out scintillating victories—in that both their coaches were venting afterwards—in gain a share of the 35th Philippine Cup lead last night at the Cuneta Astrodome in Pasay City.

"You can't complain with (a) 3-0 (start)," Coone said last night, after an 88-60 victory over an equally hapless Rain or Shine crew.

"I am really happy with the win, but I am not happy with the way we played," Coone continued after getting 23 points and 12 rebounds from Jeff Chan, 20 points from Cyrus Baguio and 11 points, 16 boards and six assists from Sonny Thoss.

"We were very sloppy and I felt we were playing a blowout."

GAME STORY
(Rain Or Shine)
3 p.m. — Derby Ace
vs ALASKA

Reyes took the self-deprecation a step further after a 92-84 win over an ex-squad member.

"We just played stupid basketball out there," avouch Chot Reyes said after his Tropang Texters almost blew a 24-point first half lead before cobbling a 3-0 slate. "I am so upset with my players right now that I can't even describe it."

Larry Rosadio led the Texters with 20 points both entered five triples, and Kelly Williams added 13 with Ali Peek contributing 12 and 14 boards.

Its one of rare were Alaska's third straight victim that Coone cracked 3 strong-able losses squads it had previously beaten: The Aces defeated lowly saved Barako Bull and the injury-plagued Derby Ace Llamados before last night's losing club, case one.

"Our standards are higher than that," he explained. "We need to be a better team than what we are right now because if we play Talk 'N Text, San Miguel and Barangay Ginebra, the way we are playing won't get it done."

The Texters lose for the second time to three outings after failing to savvy the momentum of an 89-85 victory over 6021 Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, defending champion Derby Ace and 4x11 clash today in a Phoenix Fuel PBA on Tour game slated as the Naga City Collosseum in Naga with both squads chasing a three mate.

RED LIONS ROAR TO HISTORIC 18 STRAIGHT WINS IN ONE SEASON.

GATORADE IS PROUD TO FUEL THE WINNING STREAK.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SAN BEDA RED LIONS!

Gatorade

Red Lions make history

Please go to A19

collected his third title as coach of the Mendiola-based school.

An intimidating force inside, Daniel, saved of the MVP trophy before the game, pumped in 29 points, grabbed 19 rebounds and blocked five shots in a sensational effort that also earned for him the Finals MVP plum.

"He has made a complete turnaround," said Jim of the 6-foot-7 deserter scrub from Compton Dominguez High School in California, who was thoroughly outplayed by the Stags' big men in last year's finals.

The 3-foot-11 Lassiu struck 14 points, including four straight when the Stags were within six points in the last 11:30, while Hontiveros, who starred in Game 1, proved solid in his last game for the Lions, finishing with 10 points and five assists.

As the final buzzer sounded, players jumping in delight around an ecstatic Lim.

Except for a late run by the Stags midway in the fourth period, the Lions were hardly troubled in avenging their home loss last year.

Base caught Andrews by Jonathan Bontes following a technical foul on the Lions bench allowed the Stags to win the gap, 66-72.

Lassiu returned in here a triple and hit another five threw to spark a 13-9 burst capped by Daniel's run-knocked dunk that made it 82-66 with 1:33 remaining.

In the joyous finale, Daniel knew the player tipped to replace Hontiveros in the Lions' squad next season, fired 21 points and dished out eight assists as the Cubs suffered their 18th straight.

IN THIS ISSUE
■ RCBC raising $100M from share sale /B4
■ TV still top source of info for R2, says Nielsen /B5

Editor Raul G. Marcelo ● Assistant Editor Corrie S. Mariano
BUSINESS

■ SMC closer to sealing mine deal /B7
■ Filinvest plans to increase capital stock by 70% /B8

Remittances up 9.8% to $1.37B in August

Total inflows for first 8 months rose 7.4% to $12.18B

By Michelle V. Ramos

REMITTANCES CONTINUED to grow in August as improving global economic conditions raised demand for Filipino workers, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas announced yesterday.

The Bangko Sentral said Filipinos abroad sent $1.3 billion in August, up 9.8 percent from $1.37 billion in the same month last year.

This brought the total remittances in the first eight months to $12.18 billion, up 7.4 percent from $11.34 billion in the same period a year ago.

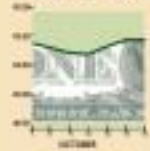
"Even as the pace of global economic recovery remains uneven, remittances from overseas Filipinos remain sturdy due to diverse skills of workers and their geographic distribution across the globe," Bangko Sentral Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said.

Tetangco said that with the favorable remittance figure in August, remittances were expected

(CONTINUED ON B2)

INDICATORS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE
Oct. 15, 2010
43.175



STOCK MARKET
Oct. 15, 2010
▼16.93

Stocks end lower

STOCK PRICES ended the week on the bet, tracking Wall Street's decline the day before.

Ahead of the expected confidence-boosting announcement of corporate results in the coming weeks, the main Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) index lost 16.93 points or 0.46 percent to close at 3,718.36 yesterday.

The broader all-share index also closed lower, losing 1.34 points or 0.06 percent.

STOCKS B2

Groups join program to save Boracay

By Nestle P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

BORACAY ISLAND—Private corporations have partnered with local government units of Aklan and business and non-government organizations in an integrated program to preserve Boracay's world-renowned white beach.

The Boracay Beach Management Program (BBMP), launched on Sept. 20, is a long-term project to address the island's environmental concerns brought by the booming tourism industry.

Lisibelle Cano, president of Boracay Foundation Inc. (BFI), one of partners in the project, said the BBMP would focus on seven priority concerns, including coastal resource management, watershed management, water and waste water management and solid waste management.

"The program is an integrated community effort to help preserve the island. It brings together various endeavors of the community to address environmental concerns," Cano said.

The partners of the program include the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI)-Boracay, Petron Corp., Petron Foundation, San Miguel Corp., Boracay Island Water Company and BBI.

The departments of Environment and Natural Resources and Tourism, the Aklan Tourism Council, the Philippine Army, the Philippine Coast Guard and the Philippine National Police Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (Tieza) are also involved in the project.

The barangays in Boracay and in the municipal of Malay town also support the project.

The Aklan provincial council has passed Resolution No. 020 "Adopting the Boracay Beach Management Program of the Local Government" and has also launched anti-littering and anti-smoking campaigns especially on the island's beach.

Malay Mayor John Yap, who chairs the BBMP council, said the program would help students become conscientious of their efforts to ad-

(GROUPS B2)

Test drive the All-New Fiesta at the
FORD EXPO 2010
October 16-17, 10:00am-8:00pm
SM Mall of Asia Open Grounds
FREE ADMISSION

PLUS
- Experience Ford's full range of cars, trucks, and SUV's.
- Catch a glimpse of the legendary Shelby Mustang GT500, the winning Focus-TRS race car, and the stunning DC-Fiesta replica
- Join the Focus-TRS Drive Challenge and stand a chance to win prizes!
- Take advantage of East-West Bank financing packages

EVEREST
P 1068K All-in Low DP
Free DVD Upgrade

NEW RANGER WILDTRAK
P 1468K All-in Low DP

NEW RECAIRO
P 1498K All-in LOW DP*
Standard DVD Package

NEW FOCUS
P 1128K All-in Low DP*
P 8,199 Low Monthly*

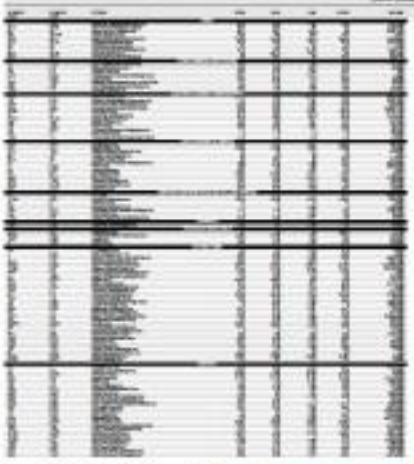
AVAIL OF 60-DAY FREE AMORTIZATION
FREE INSURANCE, LTO REGISTRATION, AND CHATTEL MORTGAGE ON ALL-IN DP OFFERS

Ford
Feel the difference

Find us on Facebook
Ford Group Philippines

Financing through: EASTWEST BANKING

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE



CURRENCIES

Stocks end . . .

From page B1

to end the week at 2,684.58.

Declines outnumbered advances, 72 to 56, while 61 issues were unchanged. Trading volume climbed to 2.56 billion shares worth P1.61 billion.

Shares of industrial and holding firms ended the week with gains. The industrial subindex rose 8.66 point to 6,648.86, while holding firms jumped 16.46 points or 0.58 percent to 2,798.99.

Property shares lost the most, going down 1.64 percent or 26.16 points to 1,565.09.

The performance of local shares reached the further on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones Industrial Index losing 0.01 percent, the Standard & Poor's dipping 0.26 percent and the Nasdaq going down 0.28 percent.

A trader said investors simply took a passive stance this week, as expected, and most settled to on gains after the market's leverage to record highs the week before.

Despite the profit taking, investors looking for bargains in hopes of cherishing the return of optimism before it breaks, kept the market from slipping too much, Pascoll Monsalvo

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF THE ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF PEPSI-COLA PRODUCTS PHILIPPINES, INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Pepsi-Cola Products Philippines, Inc. scheduled to be held on its October 2010 Stockholders' at its 2/F Cocoa Conference Room, Cocoa Park, Pioneer, Mandaluyong City has been postponed.

Further notice will be issued on the date of the rescheduled Annual Stockholders' Meeting which date shall not be beyond 15 December 2010.

15 October 2010, Mandaluyong City

ATTENTION: CLASSIFIEDS ADVERTISERS

Publish a picture of your:
- pets for sale
- products for sale
- house for sale
- apartment for rent

INQUIRER CLASSIFIEDS

People, Events & Products

Lafarge and WWF partner for sustainable construction

LAFARGE Cement Services (Philippines) Inc. (LCSPI) and its counterpart parties, WWF Philippines, have signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to renew their partnership and expand their initiatives for sustainable development.

Under this pact, Lafarge and WWF Philippines will undertake two major projects: the expansion of Lafarge's Pbilikinginmdang Bahay sa Bukid ng Lupa (PNBBL) Program and a Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) of Blended Cement.

The PNBBL Program, a contest launched in 2009 with the DP College of Architecture, awards sustainable Bahay Buhu-inspired houses designed by architectural professionals and students. This year, WWF will help share the experience obtained during the architecture of the winners and construction process through the conduct of small shows, symposia, and talks.

On the other hand, the LCA is a research activity that will analyze the impact of Blended Cement. Compared to Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC), which is the current industry standard, Blended Cement has lesser embedded carbon (but considered more environment friendly. With hard data on hand, WWF and Lafarge hope to slowly delete a shift from OPC to Blended Cement.

Signing for Lafarge were LCSPI President Mr. Samir Cairne and Administration Mr. Cirilo Peralta. E. WWF Philippines was represented by its President, Mr. Lary Tan and Administering and Corporate Relations, Ms. Reggie Olalia.

COCOLIFE 2010 MOST OUTSTANDING LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

The Asia Pacific Excellence Awards Committee and the Asia-Pacific Awards Council (APAC) recently named Cocolife Insurance as the 2010 Most Outstanding Life Insurance Company during the 18th Annual Asia-Pacific Excellence Awards at Regent City. The award was received by Cocolife president Atty. Alfredo C. Yuvienco Jr. (third from left) and Cocolife Marketing Planning Dept. personnel Pamplin Ravena and Winifred Dolino. Joining them are APAA Project Chairman Jonathan Rivera (extreme left), APAA honorary awards Chairman Saiji Hi Augusto (second from left), and awards officers Jo Ondis Wayangi and Rev. Dona Eunice (extreme right).

SOLISMUM'S NEW CALENDAR MODEL

Solismum, the country's leading wood preservative in the market and recently appointed Brazilian sexagirl Bianca Monaya as its Solismum 2011 calendar model. Diana will represent Solismum in its campaign for wood preservation, environment care, and preserving the Philippine heritage. With her in the photo is Jardine Distributors, Inc. (JDI) general manager and president Edwin H. Hernandez (left); Joey Vilmonte of JDI Marketing Manager, Lyn Libre-on, JDI national sales manager and Peachy Tia JDI product manager.

HMC'S HOME BASED WELLNESS PROGRAM

Home HealthCare, the pioneering health care provider for home based individuals, is conducting chronic vaccination program for communities and companies of special rates. HMC scheduled by Dr. Mary Joan Villa Real Quiro with a team of well trained and highly motivated medical practitioners. For inquiries, please call 810-1441 or 897-1 (632-8865. Photo shows a health seminar being conducted by Dr. Quiro and company.

Roche's Accu-Chek Performa helps people with diabetes get testing right the first time

ROCHE Diabetes Care introduced its newest blood glucose monitor for people with diabetes who want to worry less and live more: the Accu-Chek Performa. The new Accu-Chek Performa system has been designed to give users added confidence in their blood glucose testing. The Accu-Chek Performa system incorporates systems checks before and after the blood drop is applied, helping ensure that each test result is correct. This virtually eliminates the need for re-testing - reducing the impact of blood glucose testing on a person's life.

The Accu-Chek Performa system can be used a test reminder up to 4 times per day and the real-time clock back-up maintains the time and memories for up to 72 hours if the battery has expired. These features ensure that when the blood glucose system is needed, it is ready to go.

Many people with diabetes and their health care professionals actively review blood glucose results and evaluate trends in order to improve long-term management of blood glucose levels. The Accu-Chek Performa meter provides data averaging over periods of 7, 14, and 30 days, in addition to storing the results of 500 tests in memory.

With more than 30 years experience in diabetes monitoring, Roche is committed to the early recognition of people's requirements for effective diabetes self-management. Roche is confident that the Accu-Chek Performa system brings another standard for the blood glucose monitor to the market, meeting the demands of the increasing population of people with diabetes. Accu-Chek is the no. 1 blood glucose meter brand worldwide.

For more information, call the Accu-Chek Hotline at (02) 902-8000 or text at 0917-8978000 or email to phcachek@roche.com.

DORA THE EXPLORER GOES BEYOND THE BACKPACK

At 10 is the 10th year of our most beloved Latina heroine. It has been 10 years since she first said "Vamonos" and has then toured the lives of millions of kids around the world. To celebrate her 10th year, Dora the Explorer has launched a pre-loved backpack called "Beyond the Backpack" to prepare the preschoolers for their greatest adventure yet - school. July to August was Dora the Explorer touring different pre-schools and giving out educational exposure to the institutions. 1,000 backpacks with educational items such as notebooks and coloring tools, health and wellness items such as towels and toothpaste as well as pencils and toys, were handed to 400 select pre-school kids. Each school visit was also filled with interactive games, dancing and singing, all to promote the love for learning. Because school is a multidimensional challenge, Dora the Explorer is with the kids, every step of the way. Sponsored

Ateneo Foundation

The Ateneo Foundation (AF) is an inter-governmental, non-profit organization established by the ten ASEAN Member States with the mandate to promote greater awareness of ASEAN among the general public and help address poverty and socio-economic disparity issues in the region. It now invites applications from nationals of ASEAN Member States for:

Executive Director

Detailed information can be accessed from : http://www.ateneofoundation.org
Only short-listed candidates will be notified

Republic of the Philippines
City of Cebu
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID/REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Cebu City Government, thru its BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (BAC), invites all interested manufacturers, suppliers, dealers and/or distributors to apply for eligibility and to submit BIDS for the SUPPLY of various items, as follows:

Lot No.	Name of Project	Location	Brief Description	Approved Budget for the Contract	Time Frame	Cost of Bid Documents
1	Procurement of 41,000 pcs. ranging seats, renewed gown with yellow gold combination and other items including gold accessories, grocery products, medical products, and meals	CEBU	PCC CARBON Mount Cebu	4,000,000.00	90 DAYS	2,000.00

Bidders should have completed within 2 years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the above.

The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly in Section II Instructions to Bidders.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".

Bidders have a option to submit Eligibility Statement and Bid Security/Performance Security, Proof of Eligibility Documents, Description of Bids, Bid Qualification and Bid Proposal in ONE (1) SET.

Bid Security shall be in the form of a Bid Securing Declaration, or any of the following forms and amounts:
a. The amount of bid security should be equivalent to two percent (2%) of the ABC, if bid security is in cash, cashier's/manager's check, bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit; or
b. The amount of bid security should be equivalent to five percent (5%) of the ABC if bid security is in surety bond.

For the submission of sealed bids is as follows:

ACTIVITIES	Schedule Item 1	Schedule Item
1	Pre-Bid Conference	October 19, 2010
2	Submission & Opening of Bid Docs.	November 3, 2010

Bid documents will be available only to eligible bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount as indicated on the Invitation to Bid and upon presentation of the official receipt.

For more information, please contact the BAC Secretariat at telephone no. (032) 255-8000 local 4202 to 4205.

Please be informed that the posting of the said Invitation to Bid/Request for Expression of Interest will be made at the following locations: Bulletin Boards, Cebu City Website, Chamber of Commerce, and Construction Journal.

The City and Deputy Committee of the City of Cebu reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any defects or formality therein and to accept bids considered completely and most advantageous to the government.

Atty. **MELVA D. GREDONIA**
BAC - Chairperson

Cebu City Website: www.cebucity.gov.ph
PCO No. 10-0099

ADVERTISING SALESMAN

- Graduate with College background
- Preferably with sales experience but not a requirement
- Must be computer literate, both oral and written

Qualified applicants may send their complete bio-data, expected salary and other relevant information to:

MS. EVA VIR, Manila
in behalf of
EDGE, Inquirer Annex, Quezon City
Fax Nos. 7251-2317 or 7251-2322 or email resume to:
jasonvir@yahoo.com

ERRATUM

In the Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission of **Mondalhan Rock Mining Corp.** published on **October 14, 2010**, the name of the Member of the Board was inadvertently misspelled and should have read **Carmelo L. Tang** and not as published.

Our apologies

FOR SALE

DISMANTLED WAREHOUSE
3000 SQM. BUTLER TYPE
I-BEAM, G.I SHEET, PURLING
PRICE: 2.8 MILLION
CONTACT # : 383-29-78
0908-886-57-40

ROLEX
LOUIS VUITTON

hire now www.jobmarketonline.com

SEC FORM 1-PIPES LIFE PUBLIC, INC.
SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT
As of December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Investments in Trust Fund	P 2,704,330,750
Insurance Premium Fund	99,100,075
Cash on Hand & in Banks	784,700,000
Time Policies	77,237,100
Investments	4,000,075
Property and Equipment	93,700,000
Other Assets	53,400,000
Total Assets	P 3,968,700,750

LIABILITIES

Policyholder Reserves	P 1,400,370,000
Insurance Premium Reserves	42,720,000
Time Policies	84,000,417
Accounts / Notes Payable	93,000,375
Taxes Payable	17,370,000
Trust Fund Payable	73,600,000
Other Liabilities	26,000,000
Total Liabilities	P 1,841,247,000

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Paid-up Capital Stock	P 50,000,000
Special Surplus Funds	
Unrealized Net Valuation Increment (Decrement) – Trust Fund	84,000,000
Retained Earnings – Trust Fund	(17,370,750)
Retained Earnings	69,124,000
Total Stockholders' Equity	126,453,000
Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	P 1,967,700,750

ST. PETER LIFE PLAN, INC.
Consolidated Trust Fund and Annual Statement
As of December 31, 2009

ASSETS

	Life Insurance
Government Securities	P 1,864,310,000
Cash in Savings / Time Deposits	63,500,000
Insurable Bonds	11,187,000
Stocks	183,000,000
Real Estate	48,317,000
Accrued Investment Income	21,750,000
Other Assets	3,000,000
	P 2,175,000,000

LIABILITIES

Trustee Fee Payable	P 3,000,000
Other Liabilities	2,000,000
	P 5,000,000

FUND EQUITY

Trust Fund Equity	P 1,700,000,000
Cumulative Reserve – Excess / Deficit Earnings	470,000,000
	P 2,170,000,000

OBITUARIES

LUCILA SUNGA TAYAG
"MA LUCING"

Born on May 15, 1922
Died in the peace of our God on October 10, 2010

She is survived by her children Jose and Josephine Bathala, Mateo and Evangeline Mayuga, Juan and Adela Estiberly, Marvin and Rue Tayag, Edwin and Mabel Tayag, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, relatives, friends and countless others whose lives she touched.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

Her remains lie in state at St. Alphonsus Mary De Ligouri Chapel, Magallanes Village, Makati City from October 13 - 16, 2010 and will be transferred to St. James the Great Parish Church, Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa City in the morning of October 17, 2010 where she will be finally laid to rest after the 10:00 am mass.

DR. ROBERTO E. ANG

Pvt. Duty General
Former AFP Surgeon General

Born June 7, 1921

Peacefully passed his Course and his race with FULL FAITH AND HOPE on October 13, 2010

His bereaved family – Nora and Daughters Juliet "POLLIE" ANG and SONNY TANJUATCO, ROBERTO and UNDELITA SORIANO ANG, ALAN and DRA. MA. CORAZON QUIMSON ANG; Grandchildren ATTY. and JEFF, JUSTIN, ROBBIE, KYLIE and BABBIE NICO, BEA, JULIE CHRISTINE, PAULA, MARCEL and other relatives request your prayers for the eternal repose of the soul.

His remains lie in state at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, C. Raymundo Ave., Pasig City.

Interment will be announced later.

Demetria Paytaren Espinell

Eternal rest to the grace of our Lord
on October 12, 2010 at the age of 97

She is survived by her children Rizmark, Marlon, Nicandro, Grace and their respective wives and husband, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends request the prayers for the repose to grant her eternal happiness in heaven.

Her remains lie in state at Transmission, Scouts Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Sunday, October 17, 2010, 3:00 p.m. at Magallanes, Cavite.

RICARDO RIVERA YAP

President and CEO, ACT Group of Companies
Yehan Bus Line, Inc., Philnet Telephone Systems, Inc.,
ACSAP Enterprises, Inc.

"Manoy Richie" peacefully joined our Creator on October 11, 2010 at the age of 59, surrounded by the love of his family and loved ones.

He will always be remembered as the generous, faithful and loving husband, father, son, brother, mentor and friend to all within his life.

His loving wife, Virginia; children Valerie, Bb. Richie, Michael, Kathryn; grandchildren Niquee, Joshua, Joaquin; parents Antonio (†) and Elena; sisters and in-law Virginia and Benjamin, Ma. Elena (†), Maria Antonette and Cornelius, Eleanor and Benjamin, Elizabeth, Mary Ann and Ramon; relatives and friends request the prayers readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at his parents' residence in corner Aurora and Abad Santos Streets, Zone 4, Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

Interment will be at the Memorial Valley Funeral Gardens in Silang, Cavite on October 18, 2010, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Resurrection at the Christ the King Cathedral, St. Anthony de Padua Parish.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the "Patricia C. Yap Foundation, Inc."

CLASSIFIEDS
The Widest Reaching Classifieds

More Classified Ads

POEA A23
Central Basic Homes, Inc. A26
DOLE-NCR A26
National Nutrition Council A26
SSS A26
Int'l. Copra Export Corp. B7

UNIVERSITY TOWER DOUBLE CELEBRATION TOP OFF

Prime pan-Asian corporation recently held the topping off ceremony of their two towers—University Towers in Makati and in Eastwood, Manila—which are their second towers that serve as a perfect place for higher living and higher learning. Both towers boast of world-class architecture, stylish interiors and luxurious amenities at affordable prices, as well as the convenience of being close to major land locations that promise abundant social opportunities. Spearheading the ceremony were (L-R) Patrimonio Abaya (Project Exec.), Elizabeth Sunga (Vice President), Elizabeth Roque (Vice President for Finance), John David Roque, Dionisio Roque Jr. (President/CEO), David Que Po (Treasurer), Caroline Chua Te, Arch. Alfred Tee (MVTA Design), Arch. Ruelo Lampos (Project Architect), Michael Gonzales (Pinpoint Construction Corp.).

BUSINESS

RCBC raising $100M from share sale

By Paolo G. Montecillo

YUCHENGCO-LED Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC) is expanding its capital base to position itself for more organic growth and help raise resources for the possible acquisition of smaller lenders.

In a disclosure, RCBC said it would raise as much as $100 million in fresh capital from the sale of 360 million to 398 million shares to third-party investors.

This will be equivalent to 17 percent of the banks total common shares. Based on the company's closing price on Friday, the block will be valued at P5.6 billion.

The offering will be made up of 66.4 million common shares kept in the bank's treasury while the balance will be sold by Pan Malayan Management and Investment Corp. (PMMIC) from its existing shares in RCBC.

"Therefore, PMMIC will subscribe to the same number of shares of the bank as is sold to third-party investors. Such subscription by PMMIC will come from the proposed increase in capital stock of the bank, which was approved on June 28, 2010," the company said.

Since PMMIC, which is also owned by the Pachecos, plans to maintain an equal number of shares that it is selling—coming out of a planned increase in the company's capital stock—its stake in the bank will not be diluted.

This means that PMMIC is only trading a portion of its shares for sale to new investors to facilitate a future increase in core or tier 1 capital.

RCBC earlier said its first semester net profit grew 23 percent year on year to P2.11 billion on a double-digit growth in interest, fee-based and treasury earnings.

BUSINESS

Mobile alert: Text INQ [illegible] to 2287 | Website: www.inquirer.net/business | E-mail: [illegible] | Get my pix: feedback: [illegible]

TV still top source of info for RP, says Ni

Survey reveals rise in number of radio listeners

By Dante L. Lucas

TELEVISION REMAINS Filipinos' preferred medium of getting their daily dose of information, whether in terms of news content or advertising, according to Nielsen Media Research.

In the latest edition of the consultancy firm's annual survey, an estimated 91 percent of all respondents said that they had watched television in the week before they were polled.

This was a notch lower than the 92-percent level of TV viewers reported in 2009, and the 9% percent level in 2008.

"TV is still king," said Nielsen Media executive director Jay Ramirez in a briefing yesterday. He also took note of the rapidly evolving media landscape in the country, where the Internet and mobile phones have now become major information delivery channels compared to only a few years ago.

Ramirez said that TV viewership was still highest during the so-called primetime hours of 8 to 11 p.m., although the survey also revealed significant levels of viewership during the noontime hours.

In comparison to TV, only 63 percent of the population were found to have listened to radio broadcasts in the day before they were polled for the 2010 results. This reflected, however, a slight improvement in the number of radio listeners, which stood at 62 percent of the population the previous year.

Outdoor advertising slid in 2010, with 38 percent of the surveyed population saying that they received information from outdoor advertisements over the past week. In 2008 and 2009, outdoor advertising was the source of information for 62 percent of the population.

According to Nielsen, print media continues to struggle in 2010 with only 15 percent of the population saying they read newspapers the day before the poll. This was slightly lower than the 16 percent and 18 percent recorded by the 2008 and 2009 editions of the survey, respectively.

Magazines, meanwhile, maintained its shallow uptrend, rising to 9 percent of the

TO FOLLOW

Banks to open micro offices in rural areas

By Michelle V. Ramos

THE MONETARY Board of the Philippines has approved a regulation allowing banks to establish micro banking offices (MBOs) in remote areas to enhance accessibility of financial services throughout the country.

Unlike regular bank branches, MBOs only provide select services and no frontline requirements for banks to establish them.

An MBO may for example provide basic deposit taking, disbursement of micro loans and collection of payments, sale of micro-insurance products, facilitation of remittance transactions, and acceptance of utility payments.

"The MBO shall only perform the activities for which it has specifically applied for and had been authorized to perform," the BSP said in a statement.

The BSP said the move to allow the establishment of MBOs in far-flung areas would make it easier for people to remote areas to access financial services.

According to regulators, there are a lot of registered banks in the country, but many of them are concentrated in the National Capital Region and other urban centers.

They admit that there are still a lot of places in the country where banking services are sorely lacking.

Also, the BSP has included the collection of micro-deposits on the list of microfinance services a bank may offer.

MORE AT

SCIENCE/HEALTH

5 steps to a healthy, happy senior life

By Tess R. Salazar

WE LOVE our elderly, don't we? Wherever possible, our society unburdens them of the stresses of daily living, we surround them with friends and family, and we nourish their spirituality.

Good news is, there are at least five more specific, doable steps to make our senior citizens lead fulfilling, healthy lives.

1 Go toward the light. Seniors need more exposure to sunlight, especially in the early morning rays of the sun. Hence, this should be a daily habit among the elderly.

Dr. Neil Shelley, author of "Timid Hairless," notes: "Vigor declines as years advance, leaving less vitality with which to resist unhealthful influences; hence, the greater necessity for the aged to have plenty of sunlight and fresh, pure air."

Natural light is also essential for melatonin production. Melatonin, which appears to slow the aging process, is a natural hormone produced in the body and found in certain foods. We can boost our body's melatonin not through costly supplements but generally through more exposure to the early sunlight, and less exposure to artificial light.

2 Be like Cinderella. Hit the sack before midnight. Sleep is worth more for your body if you start it before midnight.

In fact, studies have shown that two hours of deep before 12 is worth more than four hours of it after 12. But remember, when it comes to sleep, don't go toward the light. Illumination is complete darkness. Why? Melatonin, again, comes into play. What this thing about melatonin and your body is that the hormone is produced most when:

- You get sunlight in the morning, and
- You're not exposed to any light at all when you're sleeping.

So, from the standpoint of maximum production, go to bed ready to take advantage of the dark before midnight, then wake up early to take advantage of the morning sun.

3 The garbage stops out. The need to be mindful of what we eat and drink cannot be overstressed enough. But did you know that there are such things as happy foods... foods which literally enable us to feel that lightness of being? Foods rich in tryptophan that trigger the pineal gland to secrete the "feel good" chemical serotonin: include nuts (747 mg/100 grams); roasted pumpkin seeds (578 mg/100 g); gluten flour (530 mg/100 g); sesame seeds (358 mg/100 g); almonds (352 mg/100 g); black walnuts (290 mg/100 g); and blackeyed cowpeas (287 mg/100 g). In contrast, 100 g of whole milk contains just 46 mg of tryptophan.

And it may come as a surprise, but some active ingredients that have been marketed as "feel good" can actually accelerate the process of aging if taken more than moderately. Caffeine, the active ingredient in soft drinks and coffee, can accelerate production in half the six hours, while alcohol and tobacco reduce it by up to 41 percent. Certain drugs and supplements known to reduce melatonin production include nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, beta and calcium channel blockers, antianxiety drugs and sleep aids, and antidepressants.

4 Fruits and veggies may in. John Robbins, author of "The Food Revolution" and "Healthy at 100," shares some dietary tips in order to avoid the risks of getting Alzheimer's and a host of other diseases:

- Go on a plant-based diet with lots of fresh vegetables, whole grains, legumes, fruits, seeds and nuts. This is a diet that provides plenty of antioxidants and fiber and produces clean arteries, enabling a rich blood supply to the brain.
- Keep your homocysteine levels low by making sure you consume plenty of vitamin B12 (spinach, barley soybeans, or B12 fortified cereals), folic acid and vitamin B6 (sweet bell pepper, artichoke hearts, sunflower and sesame seeds, and bananas. Keep your meat intake to a minimum.
- Consume plenty of EPA, the long chain omega-3 fatty acid. (Plants high in Omega-3 (linolenic acid) are flaxseed/linseed oil, English walnut, canola oil, black walnuts, wheat germ oil and soybean oil. Other good sources of Omega-3 are almonds, California avocado, nutmeg, safflower oil, sweet potatoes, hickory nuts, cucumber slices with peel, and whole wheat bread.)

5 Don't just sit and stare. Move it! "Many sedentary middle-aged or elderly people shy away from initiating an exercise program because of fear of experiencing a heart attack. However, if they start slowly and do not exercise to the point of exhaustion, chances are they will not need medical consultation before initiating such a program," Hadley said.

Those who need to be evaluated before beginning endurance training are those with known cardiovascular disease, men over 40 or women over 50 with multiple CVD risk factors who contemplate a program of vigorous activity.

And remember, it's never too late to start, Robbins said. "Even if you have eaten poorly and not exercised for most of your life, shifting now to a healthy direction greatly improves your prospects for the remainder of your life."

Understanding animal anxiety

DISCOVER

Maxxie Santos Rallon

ONE OF the most popular Sherlock Holmes quotes involves the question of what the dog did in the night. The night before I moved out of my parents' home, my dog watched me pack and simply followed my every move with her eyes, somehow sensing that I wouldn't be taking her with me, and that I wouldn't be seeing her on a regular basis anymore.

A recent study by British researchers suggests that the act of leaving my dog behind then in the room behind her anxious behavior when no one is home, and the reason she tends to keep much on guard on inside the house when people are around.

Interpreting dog's moods

In the Oct. 12 issue of the journal Current Biology, British researchers looked at how separation-related behavior (SRB) such as barking repeatedly can influence a dog's mood and outlook. One application for this work can be how to interpret a dog's moods, the brain centers in their pupils, is to help animals placed in temporary shelters find new homes and adjust to their surroundings without damaging any property. Another potential use for is helping dog-relax and stop being anxious when left home alone.

The project was led by University of Bristol animal behavior professor Michael Mendl, whose research focuses on understanding how domestic animals such as dogs, cats and pigs think, feel and behave. For the study, 24 dogs in two animal shelters each spent nearly a half hour with a researcher. The next day, the researcher returned to play with the dog, during which time the dog was left alone for a few minutes and then return. In each instance, the dogs behaved anxiously while separated from human contact, and displayed this by barking, urinating at first exit and other similar behaviors.

A second test on a few days afterward was conducted to check on how emotion might bias decision-making. Dogs were trained to swim a room and check two corners of the room for bowls, one of which would always have food while the other hand did not. When the bowls were moved from the corners of the center of the room, Mendl and his colleagues then tracked the dogs' behaviors to gauge their moods.

When some dogs quickly moved to get this treat from the food bowl, they acted these dogs had a more positive approach to life, compared to the dogs who were up to each bowl of dog food behaving as though there would be no treats awaiting inside.

"Our results suggest that behavior organized to 'pathological' by owners also has emotional significance for the animals concerned, even when the behavior itself is not being expressed," Mendl and the other researchers noted in their paper.

Focus of study

While the British researchers focused on the concepts of pessimism and alertness and their impact on dog behavior, Australian researchers are looking at the link between brain size, a dog's sense of smell and selective canine breeding to produce distinct domestic dog breeds.

In the July 26 issue of PLoS Biology, the team noted that the brains of dogs with shorter snouts (such as the Shih Tzu) have a smaller olfactory area, when compared the brains of dogs with pointier snouts and more well-like heads such as greyhounds to compensate for the difference in skull shapes. As a result of the research, the olfactory senses of Shih Tzus and their shorter-head similar kin are shifted as well, which in turn could impact their long-term behaviors.

E-mail the author at rsrallon@hotmail.com

Larger breasts in women increase diabetes risk?

MEDICAL FILES

Rafael Castillo, M.D.

RESEARCH ARTICLES for the November issue of H&L (Health & Lifestyles) magazine, I came across this short summary of a 2006 Canadian study suggesting that women, who enrolled having larger breasts as the age of 20, had higher chances of developing diabetes by the age of 35.

After all the literature on bra-cup size and insecurity of those with undersized dissatisfactions, being voluptuous with larger breasts may have its downside, I thought as I tried to get more details of the study. The finding may suggest that breast size could be a new marker for women more likely to develop diabetes, hence, attracting young women for breast size could help identify those at high risk.

It is likely well established that men and women with more abdominal or visceral visceral fats, as evidenced by a big: get waistline (more than 35 inches for men and more than 31 inches in men or) have a higher risk for diabetes. Although breast tissue is also fat tissue, does increase in its volume also predispose a woman to diabetes? This can make a lot of well-endowed women rush to their cosmetic surgeons and request for a breast reduction surgery. But analyzing the data, women with taller chests tend not picnic yet. The findings do not seem to be as encouraging as this point.

The study was actually based on a questionnaire survey of 92, 852 women, in their late 30s on their bra sizes when they were aged 20. The investigators—spearheaded by Dr. Jael Ray from the University of Toronto, Canada and colleagues from the Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard Medical School and the University Medical Center Utrecht in the Netherlands—then tried to find out how many of the women eventually became diabetic by the time they turned 35.

Increasing risks

This study was supported by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Research Division at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto and the US National Institutes of Health. It was published in the peer-reviewed The Journal of the Canadian Medical Association.

The researchers noted that women with "B" to "D" cups showed increasing risks compared to those wearing "A" cup in age 20. Women who wore "B" cup at the age of 20 were 17 percent more likely to have diabetes than those wearing "A" cup. Those wearing "C" cup at 20, had 40 percents higher risk. Dropping to 64 percent increase for those in "D" cup. As for the women, the authors speculated that fatty tissue is diachronic, which is of no adipose tissue, may also increase insulin resistance due to increased visceral adiposity there. Insulin resistance is the basic mechanism leading diabetes.

Although quite noncommittal about the significance of their study, the authors also quickly conceded in the discussion part of their paper that it may just so happened that many of those women with bigger bra sizes were obese too. Body weight is a big factor," clarified Dr. Ray in case misdemeanor wherein he presented their data. "Obese women tend to have larger breasts, thereby increasing their risks of diabetes," he explained. But he reiterated that it should be interesting to study how breast fat influences insulin resistance leading to diabetes. The authors also emphasized that despite the robustness of their data—involving more than 90,000 respondents of a validated questionnaire survey—their research findings were still considered preliminary and should not be taken as in-bare values.

Incidentally, in the same study, it was found that women with a family history of diabetes or those who smoked were more prone to develop the disease.

Related study

In another related study, Doreen Balabanski and Travis Saunders published in the Obesity journal this year their research titled "Breast Volume is an Independent Predictor of Visceral and Ectopic Fat in Premenopausal Women." They used magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to directly quantify breast size and amount of tissue fat, all over the body. This was definitely a more sophisticated and accurate method of assessing breast size than mere bra-size recall used for the original Canadian study.

The researchers concluded that breast volume was not associated with diabetes or any of the cardiometabolic risk factors measured in any of the statistical models used. However, as shown in numerous earlier studies, visceral or intra-abdominal fat was a strong predictor of the development of diabetes and other cardiovascular risk factors.

Perhaps this is why some bra-size men, particularly the feeling that many bigger breasted women tended to have more fats in the dangerous abdominal or visceral depots. "Specifically, our study found that given the same age, body mass index (total obesity), waist circumference (abdominal obesity), women with the highest breast volume had approximately 1.1 and 1.3 kg more visceral fat and intermuscular fat to comparison to women with the smallest breast volume," Dr. Janiszewski explained.

This second study seems to be giving us a promising twist and cues, and we're back cuz-for where we started. But remaining available unstable data. The jury is still out, and we're not convinced yet that increased breast volume should be "associated" with increasing a woman's risk to develop diabetes subsequently in later years.

Pasig moves to trim pneumo threat among the elderly

By Charles E. Rohac

PNEUMOCOCCAL INFECTIONS or streptococcus pneumoniae are nothing if not opportunistic. When these bacteria infect the lungs, their most frequent target, they cause pneumonia, a serious and often fatal infection of the lungs.

Since the bacteria can strike quickly and without warning, the nation's 6-million elderly individuals, those who are 60 years old and above, are considered to get inoculated against one of the leading killers of this age group.

While caretakers for most patients will improve within two weeks, the elderly are especially those who are debilitated or suffering from chronic disease like diabetes and high blood pressure), may need longer treatment and may even involve long and often costly stay in the hospital.

This is why the City of Pasig was dedicated to start an outreach drive every Wednesday afternoon in a number of their barangays. Starting next week, elderly will be able to receive anti-pneumonia vaccine for free.

Through the Super Lingap program, Mayor Bobby Eusebio, the city council and city health officer, Dr. Josephine Imbuido, started early this month, the "May bay Lolo at Lola, Pinakinabang Ibuna Pneumonia" that will provide for free, pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine 23.

The vaccine, which were purchased from Sanofi Pasteur, the world's largest company devoted entirely to human vaccines, protect against 23 types of pneumococcal bacteria, including those most likely to cause serious disease.

Serious complications

Elderly individuals infected with pneumonia are prone to serious complications like acute respiratory distress syndrome, in which the lungs are unable to function and the inability to take in oxygen is so severely reduced, emphysemas or lung abscesses, in which pockets of pus form inside or around the lung, respiratory failure, or bacteria from the lungs infect the bloodstream, a condition that usually requires the use of a breathing machine or ventilator; sepsis, infection down to surrounding inflammation in the body that can damage organs like kidney and heart tissues, in which the bacteria that cause pneumonia already spread to it a patient's bloodstream or even to other organs, like the brain.

While most pneumonia complications are treatable by employing a course of antibiotics, antiviral medications, supportive care (if a patient is hospitalized) and even oxygen to relieve shortness, these procedures may be taxing to the patient's already fragile body and most importantly to their financial resources.

This is why prevention of pneumonia through immunization is considered the single most important preventive measure to decrease the incidence and prevent mortality and morbidity in elderly Filipinos.

In fact, according to the World Health Organization, vaccination is the only available and to prevent pneumococcal diseases citing that on to the pneumococcal vaccinations to essential antimicrobial drugs, and the ease with which resistant strains can spread all over the world, on the other the treatment of resistant through vaccination.

The passing of Republic Act 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens is a significant development for elderly Filipinos as the law would now exempt them from the 12 percent valued-added tax imposed on goods and services.

The amendments will now enable them to enjoy the full 20 percent discount when they buy medicine and essential medical supplies, nonscientific and equipment, fees of attending physicians; medical, dental and diagnostic and laboratory fees.

There's also a provision for poor senior citizens to enjoy free vaccinations against influenza virus and pneumococcal diseases from the Department of Health.

Milder, shorter infection

While the pneumococcal vaccine cannot prevent all cases of pneumonia, evidence suggest that people who are vaccinated against pneumococcal infection and then become infected with the pneumococcal bacteria generally have a milder case of the infection with fewer serious complications than those who are not vaccinated.

For the officers behind the vaccination drive in Pasig, they hope their drive would inspire others to start immunizing elderly individuals around the country. Such program will help the government save thousands of lives in the next several years.

Prevention of pneumococcal infection is important considering that bacterial organism is responsible for almost half the most common cause of pneumonia, is present in the nose and throat of many people and is spread by droplets from coughing and/or sneezing.

Because they are just lurking in the mouth, throat or nose, these bacteria could also inadvertently enter the lungs. If a person is in a weakened condition from another illness or if the immune system is already weak, a severe pneumonia can develop.

Indeed, getting a pneumonia vaccine is great value for money, and its impact is measured in the number of elderly individuals whose lives it can save. (to learn more about pneumonia, visit www.lolasalive.ph)

SMC closer to sealing mine deal

Globe launches new ad service

By Paolo G. Montecillo

GLOBE, SMART, SUN, and Globe Telecom Inc. now have a new way of boosting rewards from the company, ranging from free text messages to gadgets like portable music players, by doing virtually nothing.

In a bid to find a new revenue stream and increase advertisements to current subscribers, Globe unveiled its latest in mass mobile advertising—text messages, advertisements that are relevant to them.

This means that travelers can receive advertisements from airlines, food lovers can get texts from restaurants and shoppers can be told about the latest sales in malls.

"This permission-based mobile advertisement model will revolutionize the way advertisers and businesses reach fans and customers with their commercials, creating a legitimate replacement for the annoying spam and pop-up-filled offers in random websites," Globe said in a statement.

So far, companies that have advertising customers under the new service with Globe, and partner ChatChaser Media, are Unilever, Hollandia and BBC.

Receiving these advertisements are not just free, but also earns a new points under Globe's Rewards program.

The Globe Rewards program, which lets users accumulate points for simply using services such as buying prepaid load, is meant to keep users on Globe's network.

These points can be exchanged for either free voice call minutes, and text messages or gadgets such as Apple Ipod music players.

$40-M Indophil share placement completed

By Amy R. Remo

OVERSHOOTING complementary San Miguel corp. yesterday completed the $40.4-million payment for its share placement with Indophil Resources NL—a deal that may allow it to have a stake in the $1.9-billion Tampakan gold-copper project.

Indophil, in a statement, confirmed the receipt of funds yesterday.

"Indophil has now entered into a binding exclusivity period which San Miguel must fulfill by 30 April 2011, during which San Miguel will complete its due diligence on Indophil and decide whether to submit a formal proposal to Indophil. This does not represent a commitment of intention on the part of San Miguel to put forward a formal proposal, and there is no assurance that such a proposal will be submitted," Indophil said.

In a separate statement, San Miguel said it would carefully evaluate the benefits, as well as risks, in deciding on its participation in the project.

Among the benefits, according to San Miguel, is the collaboration between the two companies to help provide to the Philippine economy.

Both identified include local government restrictions on open pit mining, environmental clearances, and development of infrastructure such as mining energy and water resources for construction.

Indophil—which owns 37.5 percent of the Tampakan gold and copper mine in South Cotabato—made the announcement that the $40-million San Miguel share placement has for A the placement of 48 million new shares thus increased Indophil's issued shares to 471.4 million from the previous 423.4 million.

The $40-million share placement marks only a 10 percent interest in Indophil.

Based on a mine feasibility update provided by Indophil, the project proponents have recently revised the development cost of the Tampakan project from an initial estimate of $5.1 billion.

The new estimate included the provision of $900 million, or roughly P39.7 billion, for a planned power plant that will serve the energy demand of the Tampakan mining operations.

Indophil chief executive officer Richard Lambourn emphasized that the entire project feasibility study was confirmed that Tampakan is a world-class copper gold project.

Mines and Geosciences Bureau acting director Leo Jasareno also said the study of San Miguel Corp. in Indophil's Tampakan project has enough ability of Tampakan project.

"The Philippines will get more benefits because the profits will stay in the Philippines. We mean from that, we look at it as an opportunity to improve the socio-economic status of the project," Jasareno said.

Jasareno had also confirmed reports, as relayed to him by Indophil itself, indicating that "San Miguel will buy more of Indophil. There is speculation that eventually, San Miguel will take the entire 37.5 per of Indophil."

Roxas Holdings doubles profit in '10

LISTED RHOAS Holdings Inc. more than doubled its profit in its fiscal year ending June due to a one-time gain from an insurance claim and the better performance of subsidiaries.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, the company said higher sugar prices in the 12-month period ensured the repeat Indophil offset a drop in the company's sales volume due to lower production.

As a result, the group posted a net income of P311 million during the period, higher by 19.68 million from the P143 million recorded four fiscal year.

That translated to an earnings per share of P0.34 this year from last fiscal year's P0.20.

Its revenue increased 6 percent in the 12-month period to P6.2 billion.

"The growth is attributable to higher average selling prices of raw and refined sugar and molasses as sugar prices went up in the third quarter of crop year 2009 to 2010," the company said.

The sugar and molasses volumes went up in several areas, with cost of sales increasing by 7 percent or P347 million to P5.3 billion due to financial stoppages in the operations. Cost of production also went up as bunker oil cost doubled from 4.6 million liters in 2009 to 9.9 million liters in 2010.

Likewise, interest expenses went up as the related interest on loans used in the mortgage payment of Chargeit co. expenses. Total interest expense in the period amounted to P31 million from P7.26 million the previous year.

The firm's "other income" was up this year due to recovery from insurance claim of the company's sugar mill in Roxas, Oriental Mindoro (for Globe Inc. or GMI), amounting to P191 million and increased scrap sales of the two subsidiaries.

Aside from its sugar producing subsidiaries, Roxas Holdings also owns GADC Investment Agency, Inc. and Hotel Sinsinday Corp.

Paolo G. Montecillo

Banks to open micro offices ...

From page B1

Micro deposit is defined as having a minimum balance requirement not exceeding P4,000 and requiring an average daily savings account balance not exceeding P15,000.

"This is another significant enhancement to current regulations, which previously only defined microfinance as loans

This recognizes the importance and significant need for accessible and safe savings instruments especially for this market," the BSP said.

TV still top source of info for RP ...

From page B1

population in 2010, from 7 and 8 percent in 2006 and 2009, respectively.

Barrios noted that, based on the results of other Nielsen surveys around the region, newspaper readership continued to decline in the Philippines and in Taiwan.

Around the region, newspaper readership is lowest in Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines, in that order, while it is highest in the more developed economies of Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand.

Approximately a fifth of survey respondents said they did not read the newspapers because they preferred TV as medium of information. This was followed by smaller groups which said that newspaper reading was either not their priority, that they did not have time to read them, or that they did not like reading newspapers.

Survey results were culled from face-to-face interviews with 2,000 respondents randomly selected in Metro Manila and 23 key cities around the country.

Remittances up 9.8% ...

From page B1

nal to hit the full year projection of growing anywhere between 6 and 8 percent this year from $17.3-bil. in last year.

Quoting reports by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, Tesorero said overall deployed Filipino workers grew 5.7 percent in the first six months of the year to 787,737 from 745,347 in the same period a year ago.

The Baguio Sentral said it expected remittances to continue to post positive growth in the remaining months of the year given the job orders coming from foreign lines.

Remittances are a closely watched economic indicator as these largely fuel consumption of many Filipino households. Personal consumption is a significant growth driver of the Philippine economy.

Tesorero said the sustained rise in remittances has helped beef up the country's dollar reserves to record levels. Earlier, the Bangko Sentral said the country's gross international reserves (GIR) increased to $93.5 billion as of end-September, a historic high. It was the first time that the GIR breached the $80-billion mark.

The country's rising GIR was one of the factors sustaining confidence of investors and creditors on the Philippines.

Likewise, the national government's yawning budget deficit, which is estimated to reach P325 billion this year, the country continues to have easy access to resources from offshore because the GIR assures them of the ability of the Philippine government to pay its foreign currency-denominated liabilities.

Groups join ...

From page B6

drawing specific environmental concerns.

This, along with Allan Ray Mesorio Mendiones and Gov Carlos Marquez, led the founding of the MMF and the surrounding anti-littering campaign.

Smoking ban bars banned along the beach and violators will be fined at least P500 for every offense.

Rivera said it was supporting the program as part of its campaign for sustainable development.

"As a staunch advocate of the environment, our commitment to Boracay Island goes beyond economic growth," Petron Foundation president Mike Toledo said in a statement.

"We are one with the initiative to aid the local government in developing and implementing sustainable programs that will protect the island's natural resources and will empower residents and visitors to join in this collective responsibility," Toledo added in his statement.

BH chair Harry Clemeno said the program's one big boost to the island's efforts to preserve its fragile resources.

AMI Courtesy Call with Mayor Jejomar Binay, Jr.

The Board of Directors of Asian Institute of Management Inc. (AMI), an accredited NGO in the City of Makati held a courtesy call with Mayor Jejomar Binay, Jr. In the picture, Jane Liberty Atkins (Kodak Phils., Ltd), Cesar Avila (Sen. Hilling Corp.), Felipe Gonzales, Jr. (Arc-Scorchi & Sauriln Advertising, Inc.), Mayor Jejomar Binay, Jr., Francisco Aquino (Commonwealth Foods, Inc. & President of AMI), Susie Quelnan's (APO), Elmer Fleming and Susan Deocadiz (San Pablo Manufacturing Corp.), Zenaida Mary Santiago (Director of AMI), Retired, Philip Hwang and Hernando Arsenio, Jr. (Commonwealth Foods, Inc.), and Ronaldo Reyes (Director of AMI and PLDT).

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
[illegible] Judicial Region
Branch 12
Antipolo City

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS AND REHABILITATION

Special Civil Action No. 774

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE EXPORT CORPORATION ("INTERCAFE"), INTERCAFE MANUFACTURING CORPORATION ("INTERCAFE MANUFACTURING"), KIEL LAND CORPORATION and CHARLIE REALTY CORPORATION ("KIEL REALTY"),

Petitioners,

x----------x

STAY ORDER

BEFORE this Court is a verified petition for corporate rehabilitation with a prayer for the issue of a Stay Order filed by the above-named petitioners, on/commencement on September 3, 2010.

In its petition, the petitioner-corporations attribute the main cause of its inability to pay its debts as the continuous depreciation of the value of the Philippine peso against the US dollar, thereby increasing the huge financial losses for short term loans and increasing interest and penalties each month.

Their liquidity problem was drastically aggravated by the losses of their coffee crops in the various typhoons and calamities that struck the country in the years 2006 to 2009, thereby affecting their capacity for operating capital which resulted in the slow down of their business operations and reduction of their volume of business and production.

That the petitioner-corporations have more aggregate assets valued at P3,751,773,540.00 as compared to their total aggregate liabilities which amounts to only P3,174,220,805.00 as of August 31, 2010, but however the petitioners are unable to pay their debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

That the petitioner-corporations may be rehabilitated by suspending their payments and giving them new terms of payment, including allowing them to continue operating their business in order to pay the creditors in addition to cash flow from existing business, as well as conversion of assets to equity and partial debt-for-swap of existing assets not used in business;

That attached to their petition as Annex "B" is the proposed Rehabilitation Plan;

After a careful and thorough examination of the allegations in the petition, this Court finds that the same appears to be sufficient in form and substance.

IN VIEW THEREOF, this Court hereby issues a Stay Order, pursuant to Section 17, Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure on Corporate Rehabilitation and hereby orders the following:

1. Appointing Atty. Jully Dimayuga, as rehabilitation receiver who shall be considered as an officer of the court and who shall have the powers, duties and rights provided for in Section 18 of the Interim Rules of Rule 3 of the aforesaid Rules. The rehabilitation receiver is hereby directed to post a bond in the amount of P4,000,000.00, Philippine Currency, before assuming office, which bond shall answer for such loss the said as provided for under Section 13, Rule 4 of the same Rules;
2. The Petitioner is hereby ordered to immediately serve a copy of this Stay Order upon the above-named rehabilitation receiver who is on the other hand directed to cause the publication of the same once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the province, as stated in the petition;
3. Suspension of the issue of the enforcement of any and all claims, whether for money or otherwise and whether such enforcement is by court action or not, against the above-named petitioner-corporations, and its guarantors and sureties not solidarily liable with petitioner-corporations;
4. The stay of all proceedings for foreclosure filed against the petitioner-corporations and the stay of similar suspension of the enforcement of contracts, leases and licenses, pursuant to their financial rehabilitation and other provisions of law;
5. Prohibiting the petitioner-corporations from selling, encumbering, transferring or disposing in any manner, any of its properties, and/or exercising acts of ownership over the same;
6. Prohibiting the petitioner-corporations from making any payments of its liabilities outstanding as of the filing of this petition which was on September 3, 2010;
7. Prohibiting the petitioner-corporations from withholding the salaries of employees and members of the petitioner-corporations, as well as from terminating employees, except those employees the duties and responsibilities of which have become redundant;
8. Directing the petitioner-corporations to pay in full all administrative expenses incurred after the issuance of this Stay Order.

The initial hearing on this petition is hereby set before this Court on November 12, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. of which date is the hearing.

All creditors and other interested parties, including but not limited to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the Insurance Commission, the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, the Department of Agriculture, Philippine Coconut Authority and the Department of Labor and Employment are hereby directed to file with the Court and serve upon the petitioner-corporations, through counsel, their verified comment and/or opposition to the petition, not later than seven (7) days before the date of the initial hearing, with proof of service thereof, and their failure to file such comment or opposition on or before the date of the initial hearing shall be deemed as their consent to the petition and the Court may act on the petition without further notice and hearing;

Any and all creditors and interested parties are further directed to submit to the Court, thirty (30) days before the initial hearing, their claims against petitioner-corporations, which claims shall be supported by sworn statements of the amount due and owing to the claimant as well as any pertinent documents in support thereof, and failure to submit such claims shall bar them from participating in the proceedings;

The Court hereby fixes the maximum fee of the petitioner and all its associates under the rehabilitation plan at 10% of the total liabilities of the petitioner-corporations, exclusive of litigation expenses;

The petitioner-corporations are hereby further ordered to cause the publication of this Stay Order in the Philippine Star and the Philippine Daily Inquirer and one other newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, furnishing the creditors-claimants of other creditors and interested parties with copies of the petition and this Stay Order, with the petitioner-corporations affected to make proof of compliance therewith, within the extended period of thirty (30) days from the date of the publication of the petitioner-corporations.

SO ORDERED.

This 13th day of September 2010 at Cainta, Rizal, Philippines.

JUDGE NELLY A. CRUZ-PEÑA
Presiding Judge

BUSINESS

Filinvest plans to increase capital stock by 70%

Property developer says capital hike will help fund expansion

By Paolo G. Montecillo

LISTED PROPERTY developer Filinvest Development Corp. plans to hike its capital stock by 70 percent to help fund the company's expansion.

In a regulatory disclosure, the Government-led property firm said its board had approved a hike in its authorized capital stock to P17 billion from the current P10 billion.

The approved increase is broken down to five billion common shares with a par value of one peso each and two billion preferred shares which will also be one peso apiece.

The company likewise approved the issuance of as much as three billion of these new shares to ALG Holdings Corp., which in turn plans to sell the same amount of Filinvest shares, which it already holds, to a third party.

"The aforementioned placing and subscription transaction as well as the authority of the board to implement the placing and subscription will also be submitted for approval by the stockholders of the company during the special stockholders' meeting on Nov. 25," the company said in a statement.

With the announcement, a trading halt will be implemented on Monday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The company earlier announced that it posted a 94 percent growth in first semester consolidated net income to P1.9 billion.

The company also realized P2.4 billion in net revenue arising from its real estate operations.

Sale of lots, condominium and residential units as well as club shares during the period amounted to P2.6 billion.

The figure was 50 percent higher than that of the same period last year.

New measures against power monopoly set in place

By Amy R. Remo

MANILA A year after it issued a market cap for 2010, the Energy Regulatory Commission has again set limits on the power capacity a single company or group can generate to protect electricity consumers from monopoly and market power abuse.

In a resolution, the ERC explained the need to adjust the limits due to changes in the installed generating capacity per grid and the decrease in the national grid's total capacity.

Usually, the market cap is adjusted every year on March 15.

The ERC revised the limits to reflect a decrease in the installed generating capacity in the national grid to 15,393.3 megawatts for the second half of 2010 from the 16,712.6 MW set in March this year.

The bulk of the capacity is in the Luzon grid with 10,030 MW, down from the 11,288.5 MW registered in March this year. The capacity in the Visayas however increased to 1,934.8 MW for the second half of the year from 1,715.3 MW as of last March. In Mindanao, capacity dipped to 1,799.8 MW from 1,808.81 MW.

Under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act, a company or group of related companies is barred from owning, operating or controlling more than 30 percent of the installed generating capacity of a grid, and/or 25 percent of the country's total.

As such, power generation companies are not allowed to own facilities with installed capacities exceeding 5,251.7 MW in Luzon (from 5,338.3 MW as of last March 2010), 580.4 MW in Visayas (from 514.6 MW), and 539.9 MW for Mindanao (from 542.6 MW).

For the national grid, the new market share limit was set at a lower 3,848.4 MW from 3,670.3 MW.

The caps on ownership were meant to promote free and fair market competition in the generation and supply sectors, as well as protect the public from any adverse effects that may be brought about by monopoly and market power abuse.

Rise in prices of building materials eases

By Bernadette W. Domingo

THE INCREASE in retail prices of construction supplies in Metro Manila eased by 2.6 percent year-on-year in August—its lowest in four months, according to the National Statistics Office.

NSO data also show that the retail price index of selected construction materials in the National Capital Region—covering seven sub-groups of products—has been increasing since November 2009.

The yearly increase in August was attributed to lower price hikes in six of seven sub-groups in the index.

The biggest slowdown was observed in plumbing materials, price hikes of which settled at 8.2 percent over the year from 9 percent in September.

Also easing were the rate of increase in prices of electrical materials (3.5 percent from 5.3 percent in September), painting materials and related compounds (2.2 percent from 2.8 percent), miscellaneous construction materials (6.1 percent from 6.3 percent), carpentry materials 11.7 percent from 2 percent), and masonry materials (1.9 percent from 2 percent).

The rate of hike of miscellaneous materials were unchanged at 3.9 percent.

On a monthly basis, the retail price index for construction supplies in Metro Manila turned around to 0.1 percent from -0.1 percent in September.

Prices increases turned around for carpentry materials (0.1 percent from -0.1 percent) and picked up for electrical materials and painting materials and related compounds (0.1 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively, from no change in September).

On the other hand, the price hike in masonry materials went slower at 0.1 percent from 0.2 percent.

The NSO said that price hikes were observed in plywood, lumber, selected common wire nails, electrical wires, and paints.

PROPERTY

Editor Cesar D. Hangaway

Luzon's period houses transplanted beside the sea

Text by Tessa R. Salazar
Photos by Richard Reyes

THERE ARE treasure hunters. There are art collectors. There are classic car restorers. But do you know that there is also an architectural collector who searches for crumbling historical treasures, dismantles them and transplants and reconstructs them piece by painstaking piece beside the sea?

Joey Acuzar, owner of property firm Newtown Asia Builders, has done precisely that for 22 heritage structures. Three abodes, "first built" during the 19th and 20th centuries in various locations in Luzon, are now collectively known as the Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar, 150 km from Manila.

Historical art village

These houses stood on a 60-hectare historical art village outside the 400-hectare Estancia Heritage Resort in the town of Subic in Zambales. This remarkable undertaking had its soft opening to the public on March 13.

Acuzar said the general manager was on hand when a group of journalists visited the village Oct. 7.

A replica of the Casa Escoltes Las Piezas de Escoltes caught this writer's attention first. Though it was not built of the original ruins of the 20th century material, this replica architecturally captured the old glory of Escoltes as the premier shopping and tourist destination of Manila in the early 1900s. Like the originals, this Casa Escoltes, built in 2007, features stores and shops on the ground floor and a hotel on the second and third floors offering 27 rooms. The interiors were designed by Joey's wife Yen, an interior designer.

In 1780, the Casa Gardaba of the prominent Reyes family of Cordoba, Pampanga, was built. The new gothic influence was evident in its arches, finishes, columns and other interior details. The Spanish governor-general (governor general) took up residence in the mansion whenever he visited the province. In 2008, 228 years after it was first built, Casa Gardaba was transplanted to this village.

The Casa Hidalgo, or Banguet Mansion, was originally located on Hidalgo Street in Quiapo, Manila. Built in 1857 for the family of Sotero Enriquez, the mansion, filled with iconic capiz-s, from the ornamental sidewalk to the columns gracing the balcony, was designed by Felix Roxas y Arroyo, the first Filipino to practice architecture in the country during the Spanish era.

The Casa Hidalgo was originally constructed in 1913 to host Presidents Pompeyo Diaz and Manuel Urrutia, and re-

(CONTD) B2

THIS heritage village with scheme "pride in the past, hope for the future" is the first and one of its kind in the country

EACH of these historical pieces has an architectural style to tell.

Tagaytay community to heighten 'green' and healthy living

By Charles E. Bahan

TAGAYTAY CITY is considered Metro Manila's second summer capital after Baguio City, thanks to its crisp and cool climate all year round. But that is not all it has to offer as by 1 hr 45 minutes, makes Tagaytay a more convenient place to go to for those wanting to quickly escape a hectic and stressful metro existence.

So it is no wonder that Tagaytay has also become one of the favorite targets of developers like Solaire-owner Bloomberry Resorts Corporation-controlled Leisure and Resorts World.

An affiliate of Solaire-one Land Corp., the company found that everything that surrounds Tagaytay is a combination of widespread consumption and calm from life, making it easier for they would be residents to unwind or further enhance their desire to live "green" and healthy.

"From its lush greenness, local produce, down to even its average person will mobilize the attitude of a least environmentally-friendly living here," says Ramon Paje, vice president for Sales and Marketing of Robinsons Communities.

He relates that an investment such as ours putting a premium on overall wellness. "They are taking responsibility to improve the quality of their life, which is not just about physical health but equally about being spiritually enlightened. This is why you now have people taking long weekends out of the city to enjoy the fresh scenery and the clean air with the people who matter most to them," said Paje, whose company in partnership with Ortigas Corp., has developed Wellington Courtyard Tagaytay.

Ecologically dynamic

Located at the corner of Mirasol's Drive and Mahogany Avenue, Wellington Courtyard Tagaytay is a newly emerging ecologically dynamic community for which a unique design, feature and features.

When fully completed, the 6,000-square-meter Wellington Courtyard Tagaytay will be composed of clusters of five-story condos that seamlessly blend American cottage living and European Flair.

Unit configurations go from the simple 29-sq.m one-bedroom unit priced at P1.9 million to a 49-sq.m two-bedroom priced at P3.5 million to a 49-sq.m two-bedroom priced at P3.5 million as well as an 88-sq.m. two-bedroom penthouse loft that lists for a low P8.0 million.

These units will also promote clean and uncluttered living with its airconditioned interiors. A number of these units will also have an open balcony that is designed to allow natural light and air to encourage and therefore, promoting energy efficiency.

Great value

"The great value proposition of The Wellington Courtyard Tagaytay for its future homeowners and families is that their pursuit of a more rewarding life doesn't have to be limited to just weekends. Being required a economically improving condo unit still attractive, investors between Tagaytay and other locales in Metro Manila is set to getting shorter and roads more convenient. Now, they can eat healthier foods and enjoy the perfect benefits that they could experience in Tagaytay without having to distance from professional lives," Paje added.

He reiterated that the whole project was also designed to provide "walkable" and "bikeable" scales as well as efficient solid waste management system that has been initiated by the developer in partnership with the city government, which has been involved to ensure the preservation of their Tagaytay's character and natural surroundings.

By also adds that the Wellington Courtyard Tagaytay will include features and amenities that would capture from RLC's future residential development. Among these are a European-inspired communal clubhouse, green spaces, picnic grounds, adult and kiddie pools and even a bird's fountain.

The gated community will also have 24/7 security, underground drainage utilities, 10-meter power supply and cable and telecommunications-ready units.

Meanwhile, Paje says that beyond the presentation of this emerging community's a wealth of excellent leisurely options—home fare restaurants and bars to the most relaxing spas.

FIVE-luxurious country-style condominiums like this one exclusively blend American cottage living with European flair

A slice of the sweet life in Mactan island

By Enrique Cora

ONE NEED not go abroad to enjoy a little bit of the sweet life. All it takes is a ticket to Cebu and enough cash to get you inside the plush Crimson Resort and Spa in Lapu-Lapu City in the island of Mactan. Once within the sprawling contemporary, right off the list you'd say, "This is the life!"

Instead away from the bustling city life is a piece of paradise that combines upmarket living and exclusivity which could lend the title of resort hotels in the Queen City of the South. Not enough, while a new player in the Cebu market segment, Crimson has already shown considerable attraction from both resort-goers and foreign tourists.

Brought to life and managed by Filinvest Heritage Hospitality Inc., a joint venture of Filinvest and Singapore-registered technology, International Pte. Ltd., Crimson is the landmark project of Filinvest in Mactan Island and is conveniently located together with Presidential estate Bellay and Punta Engaño, ever ancient to remove to grand sweeping that gathered most of Cebu's lapsing as politics and business.

The accessible area is two close to resort, just 15 minutes away from Mactan International Airport while 10 minutes away from the city proper.

Crimson includes posh not to architectural design that marries both elegant comfort and style. It layered travel resources architectural firm Palafox Affiliates Tang & Gee (PAFTG) to achieve the Balinese-inspired oasis with unique Filipino touches. California-based PAFTG is the designer of the hotels like Grand Hyatt Bali and Indonesian's most Nusa Dua Management among others. The pieces of furniture used are locally made and of export quality.

CROWNING a residence at Ballroom-inspired resort with unique Philippine touches

First Foray

The occupant's first foray into the hospitality industry, the hotel boasts all-suite pools. With Crimson Resort and Spa's "bookable" concierge, the real estate developer is now to give other Cebu properties a run for their money.

But the whole indulgence doesn't come cheap. The cheapest room per night stay is at P7,200 for the deluxe, while the upscale room is at P9,000 for private pool villas could blow your wallet for as much as P25,000 per night.

In a press conference, General Manager Segre Sibbing expressed optimism that Crimson would become the cool "it" destination for foreigners and people in the region market. "We have seen how foreigners enjoy the private pool villas could blow your wallet for as much as P25,000 per night.

Stainless steel a green material

GREEN ARCHITRENDS

Arnaldo de Jesus

STAINLESS STEEL is so much a part of our everyday life—from spoons and forks and door knobs to kitchen sinks, appliances and building metal claddings.

Stainless steel is a material made from several elements "melted" together. Like all metals, its major ingredient is the metal iron to which a small amount of carbon has been added.

This type of steel was invented early in the 20th century when it was discovered that by adding a minimum of 11 percent of metal chromium to ordinary steel the metal was transformed into a bright shiny alloy making it corrosion-resistant.

Green metal

Stainless steel is one of the greenest metals used in the building industry. It will remain attractive over the life of the building even spanning hundreds of years. This means reducing maintenance and disposal frequency.

It has a high scrap value, thus diverting waste from dumpsters.

Stainless steel is 100 percent recyclable and there is no down-cycling no matter how many times it is recycled.

Stainless steel is ideal for interior finishes because no coatings are required and it has no emissions from volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

It provides corrosion resistant doorworks for air conditioning. It is more corrosion resistant than other common architectural metal finishes and it is not affected by pollutants that will corrode them such as ammonia, which can be found in acid rain.

Stainless steel can be used in cassettes and cans reduce lamp gain and air-conditioning costs due to its glossy finish.

Stainless steel is extensively used in Western Europe and in earthquake-prone Japan for corrosion- and earthquake-resistant water pipes and tanks.

Stainless steel can be used as erosion barriers, thus eliminating the use of toxic chemicals and may reduce the use of erosion coverage.

Building facade

For many decades now, stainless steel has provided the external weatherproof components of many of the world's tallest architectural landmarks.

The Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur built in the 1990s is considered by some as the most beautiful high-rise building in the world. The metal cladding dazzles passersby during the day or at night when it looks bejeweled with the dramatic lights. The twin towers used 50,000 square meters of stainless steel for its façade.

Another famous landmark is the world's most identifiable skyscraper, the Chrysler Building in New York built in the 1930s. Once considered the tallest building in the world, it has withstood the test of time with its stainless steel cladding and iconic art deco spire.

The use of stainless steel for the exterior cladding of buildings is also very effective in highly polluted areas caused by traffic.

Another area where it can be used is near the sea where the salty air is most likely to damage other common metal finishes. Stainless steel can withstand this environmental condition while remaining shiny and unaffected.

Improving hygiene

In restaurants, schools and health facilities, stainless steel is preferred because of its dirt-resistant property similar to glass and china.

Stainless steel's high corrosion resistance is due to its "passive layer," its self-repair mechanism which is the secret of its outstanding durability.

For comments or inquiries, e-mail arnaldo.dejesus@gmail.com

OBTAL of stainless steel façade at the entrance of the Petronas Twin Towers.

THE PETRONAS Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur built in the 1990s, considered by some as the most beautiful high-rise building in the world, used 50,000 square meters of stainless steel for its façade. —LOCOCO

PR Kitchens Inc.

Manhattan-style project maintains strong sales

Manhattan Garden City at the Araneta Center is the top-selling residential condominium project in the metro. Its third phase is Manhattan Heights.

Manhattan Garden City at the Araneta Center remains to be the best-selling residential condominium project in the metro.

Four years after the Araneta Group and Megaworld Corp. launched the project as joint venture partners, the first six towers are virtually sold out and towers 7 and 8 are 90% and 80% sold, respectively. Manhattan Garden City is now on its third phase, Manhattan Heights.

"We at Megaworld are astounded by the strong market response to Manhattan Garden City. Investors and homebuyers have decided that its location in the geographical heart of Metro Manila, links to two rail systems, wide range of amenities and the varied lifestyle choices within Araneta Center altogether combine for an outstanding investment," noted Megaworld Central Properties Inc. President Anthony Charlemagne Yu.

He continued, "Next year, with the turnover of our first two towers, we will start to see a vibrant residential complement in Araneta Center. Manhattan Garden City will be a true Live-Work-Play-Move environment."

The new phase, Manhattan Heights, offers spacious executive studio, 1- and 2-bedroom units for the Live component. Residents have the option to drive to the Araneta Center by opening windows or boarding a carless tram.

Play options include amenities such as swimming pool, jogging paths and game room. Manhattan Heights alone has more than 20 amenities, over and above those of the first two phases. The Araneta Center offers even more Play options, from watching basketball games and concerts at the Big Dome, to shopping at the award-winning Gateway Mall.

Skylights, toppling as the one-of-its-kinds' greenerie, at Manhattan Garden City.

Dave you like at Manhattan Heights, you can always drop in your mom's condo at the Araneta Center.

Manhattan Garden City also attracts residents to Metro with ease, as the Araneta Center is the only point in the metro where the LRT2 and MRT3 link up, as both the office and school are within easy reach.

"More than two thousand investors and homebuyers have already made Manhattan Garden City their choice. As they attest, it is a prime residential address worth looking into," Yu declared.

To make a potential investment at Manhattan Heights, please call Megaworld, the #1 and trusted residential condominium developer in the country, at 910-3333, visit the showroom at the 3rd level of Gateway Mall, or check out www.thesanchatlangardenrealty.com.

Where Life is at its Greenest

MANHATTAN HEIGHTS

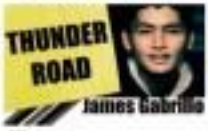
at Manhattan Garden City
Araneta Center

For more details, call 810-3333 or 913-0234 local

Super LIFESTYLE
Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan Associate Editor Pem Paster
Send your feedback
E-mail: super@inquirer.com.ph

Take five with Justin Timberlake

The pop musician on his career-defining role in 'The Social Network'



James Gabrillo

AS THE critically acclaimed film "The Social Network" screens next week in theaters all over the country, Super brings to you our exclusive interview with lead star Justin Timberlake, after the movie's world premiere at the New York Film Festival.

The 29-year-old Grammy-winning recording artist plays the role of Sean Parker, the founder of the sensational music-sharing site Napster.

Parker was the guy who introduced the young visionary Mark Zuckerberg to Silicon Valley's venture capitalists, effectively jumpstarting the world of Facebook, from the halls of Harvard to millions of households all over the globe.

Facebook redefined our social fabric overnight. **What are your thoughts on the obsession towards it? Why do you think over 500 million people log on every single day?**

There's a scene in the film where Jesse's character (Mark Zuckerberg) talks about being in a club where you're the president, and it's a party and you're throwing it. I think that's kind of the intrigue behind having your own Facebook profile. You create it and it's your own world. I think that's what makes the film so intriguing.

If you zoom out to see the bigger picture, I think social networking in general is still a hypothesis—is it a good thing or a bad thing? There's always a medium that we push to allow how human we are, how kind and cruel we are. The accessibility and instant gratification of having all your photos lined up—that's probably what makes Facebook or any other social network so great in people.

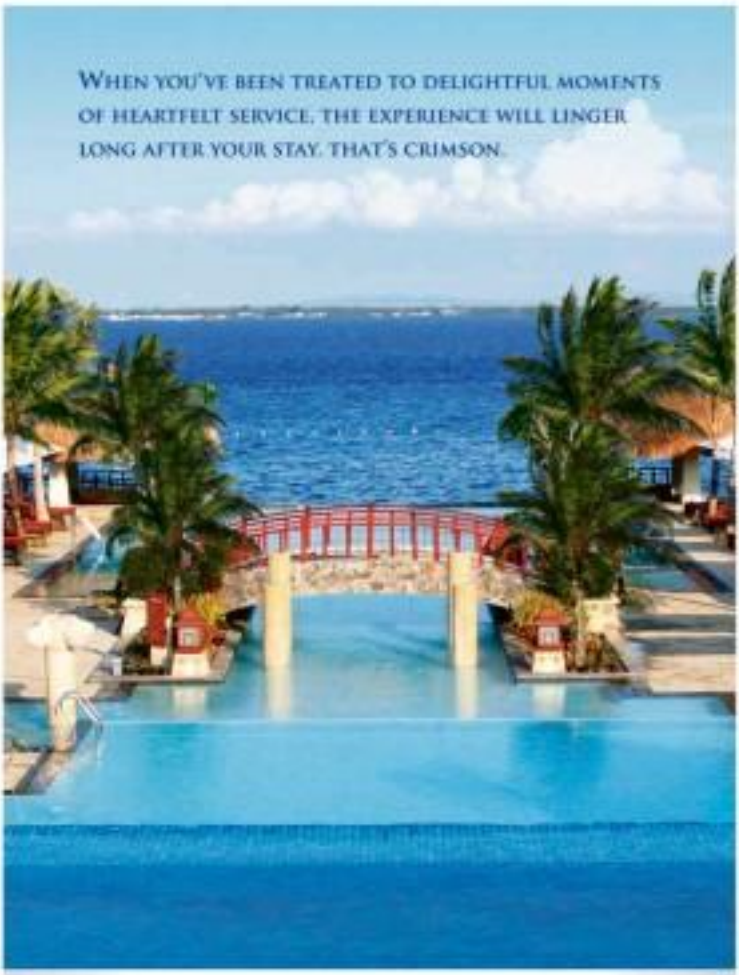
I think that's the intrigue: Is it going to create great things in this world or are we going to waste away with it? I think that'll get people in the theaters.

Your co-star Jesse Eisenberg never got the chance to meet his character, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg. But we understand you did get to meet Sean Parker in real life. How did that turn out?

I briefly bumped into him here in New York once. But, we spoke for probably all of two minutes. And ironically I met him before I was actually cast in the role. I was still going through an audition process then, but the internet had already announced I got the part and it wasn't true. So I went through a three-week period where I was thinking, "Awesome, I better get this role because now everyone thinks I'm playing it." (Laughs.)

But yeah, we met briefly and he seemed very nice but we didn't really talk about much. He mentioned he had read the script and he thought I was going to be playing the part, so that was awkward.

(SEE C2)



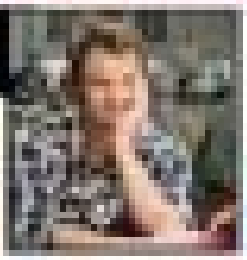
Reflecting on 'Life as We Know It'

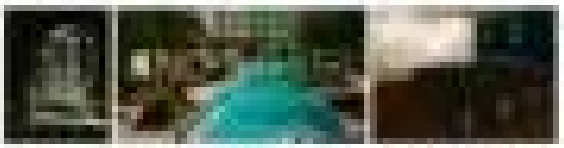
A pregnancy drama movie that isn't your ordinary rom-com

Super sits down with and Katherine

Take five with Justin Timberlake

Josh Duhamel
ckpt in NY





401 2881 • 401 2882

www.thebeacon.com.pk

Geo Estate

24/7 Super Radar

By Janine Cuenca-Dario and the 24/7 Team

Oct. 14: Si Lasko ski children's month: the Philippine Educational Theater Association (Peta) offers lectures and workshops for educators to enhance child-to-child sensitivity at the Cayang-Kayang Batibot Writers Festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Peta Theater Center, 5 Eymar Drive, New Manila, QC. The day will end with the performance of Peta's Palanca Award-winning play, "Rizal, P'tl." For passes and ticket reservations, call 7264244, 4166921 to 23 or 0917-8044420; or e-mail peta@webtel.ph.post.ans.

Oct. 16: Cocktail 2012, a display of new RC Kontemporaryan, at the field of the Ayala Plaza opening, McKinley Hill Post Boutique, Taguig. Dial 756-7164 or 811-6858.

Ongoing till Oct. 17: Hallowy sweets halter to "G tcosmos from cs," a contemporary retelling of the world that shaped our nations. The Bukid Philippines show is on at 10 p.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the CCP Main Theater. CCP Complex, Pasay. Call 8321000.

Oct. 17: Bluewater Day Spa Fun Park with 25-, 30- and 100-shotkeys rides, features new exhibitions Mikaela Lagdameo and Glen Mirby and other personalities and models. Log on at the Mall of Asia grounds. Daughter at Bluewater Day Spa branches. Call 7334-0626, 511-2126, 552-8288, 473-0400 or 800-1084.

Oct. 18: Mondays have become very exciting with the launch of Manic Mondays at L'Hotpitre, 237 Alfaro Garcia St., Dasmari, Cavite. Dinner by Peruvian Sir Johnson's Silly Asado from the Subic lounge treats in a comfortable ambience, enjoy 50-percent off on order of pizza and pasta all day, free cocktails from 5 to 7 p.m., free valet and parking, and free wifi. The best things in life are free. Call 8000639 to 50 or 8999040.

Oct. 21 to 28: Shop at Lifeberg Kids Day Out Activity Center, also celebrate fabulous with over 20 booths of local brands offering wares from artisans, artists, and community and likeminded groups from all over the country. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the courtyard of BGC Plaza, cor. Ayala and 5th 32nd Pkwy., Fbgwdt. Bet. 28: Hitman David Foster & Friends take to center and perform classic hits like Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On," Chicago's "If You Leave Me Now," Peter Cetera's "Glory of Love," Ruben Studdard's "The Greatest Love of All," and Michael Bolton's "How Can We Be Lovers." Tickets are from P2,500 to P10,000 at the Araneta Coliseum box office, Ticketworld outlets, Ticketnet outlets, and Ticketnet.com.ph. For more details, please call 911-5555 or 0916-4438816, e-mail info@theblackbirdmusic.com or visit www.theblackbirdmusic.com.

Oct. 13 and 20: The Theater Source South stages "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Stephen Sondheim's greatest farce and one of the funniest shows ever written, on Oct. 24 and 28 at the Insular Life Theater, Corporate Center, Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa. Michael Williams at 0917-5000 for tickets.

MALL HOURS

SM CITY MARILAO
9:00am–11:00pm Monday to Saturday
9:00am–10:00pm Sunday

SM CENTER LAS PIÑAS
SM CITY BACOOR
SM CITY BATANGAS
SM CITY BAGUIO
SM CITY NAGA
SM CITY DAVAO
10:00am–10:00pm (Hours may vary)

21 all sizes in the raffle promo
Devant LEDTech LCD TV's (81.28cm (32"))

DRAW SCHEDULE

SM CENTER LAS PIÑAS
(pm) MON, Oct. 15 (Cut-off: Oct. 11, 10pm)

SM CITY BACOOR
10pm SUN, Oct. 17 (Cut-off: Oct. 17, 8:45pm)

SM CITY MARILAO
10:10pm SUN, Oct. 17 (Cut-off: Oct. 17, 10pm)

SM CITY BATANGAS
8:45pm SUN, Oct. 17 (Cut-off: Oct. 17, 8:30pm)

SM CITY BAGUIO
8:45pm SUN, Oct. 17 (Cut-off: Oct. 17, 8:30pm)

SM CITY NAGA
8:45pm SUN, Oct. 17 (Cut-off: Oct. 17, 8:30pm)

SM CITY DAVAO
10pm SUN, Oct. 17 (Cut-off: Oct. 17, 8:45pm)

STOCK UP ON PRE-HOLIDAY FINDS AT
SM CENTER LAS PIÑAS • SM CITY BACOOR • SM CITY MARILAO
SM CITY BATANGAS • SM CITY BAGUIO • SM CITY NAGA • SM CITY DAVAO

3•day
SALE
October 15 • 16 • 17
up to 50%Off
on selected items
Get a chance to win a
DEVANT LEDTech LCD TV

See mechanics poster for details. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 4121, Series of 2012.

SM
SUPERMALLS
A development of SM Prime Holdings, Inc.

For inquiries: call the Marketing Division at SM CENTER LAS PIÑAS (02) 846-7890 • SM CITY BACOOR (046) 417-0332
SM CITY MARILAO (044) 933-2013 • SM CITY BATANGAS (043) 724-8983 • SM CITY BAGUIO (074) 619-7642 • SM CITY NAGA (054) 472-8330
SM CITY DAVAO (082) 297-6900 • Visit: www.smsupermalls.com

super LIFESTYLE
E-mail: super@inq7.net
Website: www.inq7.net/super

Chasing pigs and rocking a volcano

'The Amazing Race' Asia's next episode will bring the teams to Legazpi city. Super did not just get a preview—we took on the challenges, too

By Pam Pastor
Photos by Jil Aquino

IT'S A beautiful Saturday afternoon, and I'm in a pigpen.

I am up to my elbows and knees in mud and the four pigs I'm supposed to be chasing are squealing.

"Nasa likod mo 'yung isa!" My assistant is shouting and I sense the urge to snap at them. Moving around the mud isn't easy—not when rocks and other jagged things are digging into the soles of your feet.

A pig's nose cozies up to my leg. Ugh. So it has ears, too. Those little beasts are fast.

In another corner of the pigpen, model-actor Rich Herrera and pro basketball player Wincy Asedillo hold Rafa Rizalina, our dining in on the other pig. The two, who make up one of two Philippine teams in this year's "The Amazing Race" Asia, aren't enjoying the gig as much as I am. They had to do it for the Philippine leg of the race, which you will be able to watch on Thursday, 9 p.m. on AXN, in the show's fifth episode.

In fact, minutes before we entered the pigpen, Herrera was giving me tips. "Whatever you do, keep your mouth closed. Tape in shot if you have to. First-hand experience—poop does not taste good."

I lose triumphal screams. While I was struggling with the mud, Herrera caught a pig. Awesome.

Crash course

Before we started chasing the pigs, Super station Jessa Duplito got a crash course on the Bulong dance from locals in full costume—another challenge you'll see in "The Amazing Race" Asia's next episode.

Done with dancing and chasing the pigs, we all got back into the golf carts in costume in the leisurely ascent we called our home for a few days.

Held once to Middle Bay the next pit stop of the Amazing Race Asia. "This was one of the most physical legs," says Rizalina.

"There were so many challenges," added Herrera.

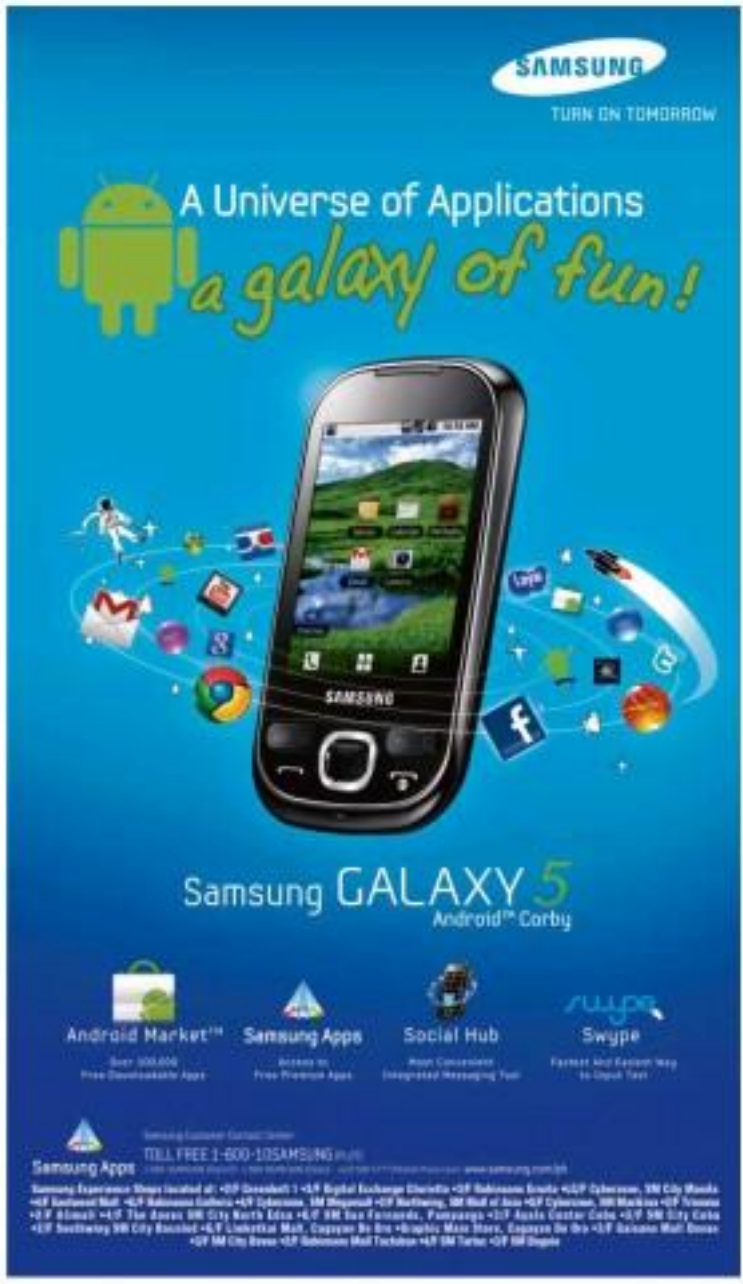
Legazpi City—was the personal pick of "Amazing Race" Asia's Executive Producer Michael McKay. "He fell in love with the beauty of the region and was impressed with the culture and tourist spots of the city," says Jun Dayoan, Resort Manager for Hidden Bay Resorts.

The production, which was the combined effort of Mayor Noel Rosal of Legazpi City and the Summit Group of Companies led by Atty. Ronald Jay, Verona and Chuie Elizalde Jr. Co., will highlight locations such as Mother Bay Resort, Laguna Hill, Cagsawa Ruins and Cagsiay Island.

According to Herrera, the producers of AXN created challenges that had a Jasper Rosal feel and, they were more than happy to provide it. "We had jet skis, choppers. In this episode, the contestants rode so many vehicles. They had to go through 13 tunnels."

"We were under pressure the entire leg. It seemed like people were moving while [we]

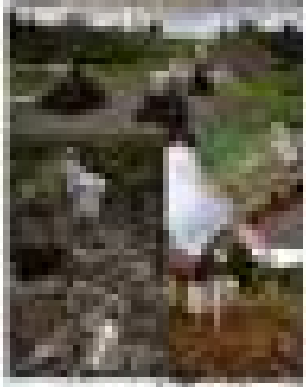
CHASING P2

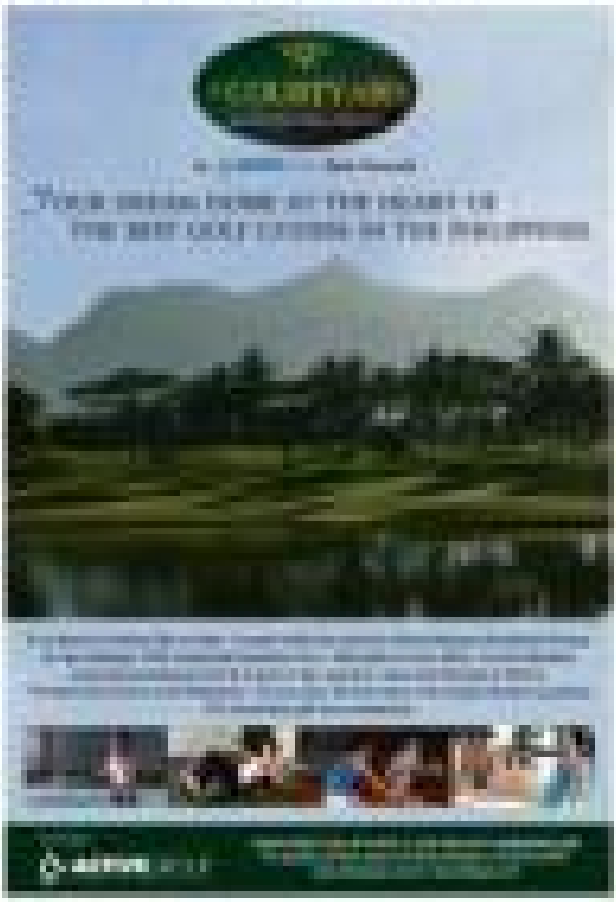


Hanging out with the Riches

30 guaranteed resort activities—plus Mayon's perfect cone in your sight

Chasing pigs and rocking a volcano





Chinese-American Culinary Expert Grace Young at

SM MALL OF ASIA

SM Mall of Asia doesn't stop at being the country's top lifestyle mall. With our unique facilities and exciting shopping, dining, and entertainment options at hand, we go the extra mile to bring tourism, culture, and the arts closer to our shoppers—in line with our desire to revolutionize the Filipino malling experience. Culinary tourism has been enjoying an increasing popularity recently, and the Philippines is not far behind with the rest of the world, especially with our delectable local cuisine.

We're bringing to our shoppers two Asian women based in the United States who are making waves in the international culinary scene for a day of gastronomic discovery here at the SM Mall of Asia. Cooking demos featuring cherished family recipes culled from different Chinese and Filipino kitchens all over the world await food enthusiasts of all ages. Chef Grace Young, the Chinese-American culinary expert who wrote clever books on the Chinese diaspora and the art of stir-frying, will share delightful recipes such as the Chinese Dalokdakan Stir-Fried with Pork, Fried Sweet Rice with Sausages and Mushrooms, and the Stir-Fried Vegetarian Five-Spice Tofu, as well as heart-warming stories that had set her famed apart from the cookbook

field. On the other hand, Ms. Amy Besa, the Filipino restaurateur behind New York's Filipino cuisine gems Cendrillon and Purple Yam, will impart to the audience with exciting versions of classic Pinoy dishes: Baby Back Ribs Adobo, Tita Sing's Bam-i, and the wonderful Buko Pie.

Our effort to culinary tourism is aided by the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila, which has been renowned in providing its guests with world-class comfort complemented by the warmth of traditional Filipino hospitality; the Center for Culinary Arts Manila, the leading institution that that produces the country's brightest chefs and culinary professionals; and Elba Cookers, which has, for decades, provided excellent quality appliances at many professional and home kitchens.

Grilled Beef Skewers Adobo
Photos by Dayan Bathajian

Registration to **Kitchen Recipes from the Heart** starts at 3 PM. Admission is FREE. This event is presented by SM Mall of Asia, SM Cares, Yes! Tourism, Elba Cookers, Ecopan, Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila, The Philippine Daily Inquirer, Fully Booked, and the Center for Culinary Arts Manila.

Discover for yourself why we say no other mall comes close to SM Mall of Asia today. For inquiries and more details on this event, please call 556-0680 or visit www.smmallofasia.com.

Kitchen Recipes from the Heart

SM Mall of Asia

Welcomes Chinese-American Culinary Expert Grace Young

Grace Young

October 16, 2010 | Main Mall Atrium
Registration starts at 3 PM (registration is free)

With special guest **Amy Besa**

Discover the wondrous art of the wok through special cooking demos by award-winning author and culinary expert Grace Young. Listen to amazing kitchen stories and indulge in cherished Chinese recipes given a contemporary twist.

SM MALL OF ASIA

INQUIRER ELBA ECOPAN CCA

For inquiries, call 556-0680 or visit www.smmallofasia.com. Free mallwide

2b LIFESTYLE
Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan Contributing Editor Rod Cabui

Alalis Pa Ba, Pahiis Ka Na?
Ang Tricomin™ ay may lecithin, silymarin, Vitamin B complex para sa tumong nutrisyon.
FOR INQUIRIES CALL/TEXT 0917 8901 2000

Budding artist with a social conscience

TOILING: artist Vincent Toribio's self-portrait

Baguio fine arts student Vincent Toribio puts himself to school and supports his family through his art

By Anna Oposa
Student contributor, University of the Philippines

TO SEE 18-YEAR-OLD Vincent Toribio's work is to be confronted with reality. His art speaks of poverty and pain: "Sosio: Batang Gilid" shows pieces of a garbage bag and a torn doll's head in a child's dirty school blouse. Sosio depicts reality; "Sabong Dreams" is an oil painting of the fashionable cloth worn by the indigenous people of Cordillera.

Most of the works comment on national issues: "Education is Nothing," a gripping work with doodle-like stick figures; "Ang Huling Sa Kinsenahan," a sculpture of a naked woman with her back turned; "May Pag-Asa Pa," is Vincent's response to climate change, exhibiting an infant staring at collapsing houses.

Each piece has a keen, methodological attention to detail, as if every splatter and speck had a purpose. There is a poetic coherence of reality and order.

Childhood eye-opener

This young lad is taking fine arts at the University of the Philippines Baguio. But the education and inspiration behind his works came long before he stepped in the university.

Vincent and his brother were singlehandedly raised by their mother, so Vincent learned to fend for himself at a very young age.

He took on all sorts of odd jobs to help his mom, like being a baggage (baggage assistant) and selling peanuts and sweepstakes in the *palengke* (market place). When he was selling flowers in Burnham Park, he noticed the amazing ceremony the Vida's promo-modeling contest.

"Nangget ako sa mga batang nanalo sa mga," he recalls. Vincent then headed to the talop-sizzy (cleft chin) and purchased his very first set of crayons and oil pastels. While his friends were out playing and running around, he stayed at home and taught himself to draw.

"Na-realize ko na mayroon pala ang art. Para pa lang, nakita ko na ang sarili kong nagpipinta," he said. "Sa edad na yon, naiwan ako sa Vida poster-making contest, pero feel-loyal ilang oras lang humawak ng oil pastels," he said, laughing.

In order to pursue his newfound passion, he knew he couldn't keep selling flowers and sweepstakes. He needed something more stable. By second year high school, he moved out to work as a houseboy.

Earning his keep

His starting salary was P50 per week. Vincent learned how to budget every single

BUDDING E2

Cal Carrie's EsAc MASTERS SCHOOL for MODELS

PHILIPPINE FASHION WEEK

SPRING SUMMER 2011

Cyber-shot VAIO

OCTOBER 26 - 31, 2011

OFFICIAL VENUE: SMX MALL OF ASIA

26 TUE

- 5:00 PM • SMX HALL 2 — POND'S presents GOLD
- 6:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RM. 4 — SM KIDS
- 7:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RM. 5 — GALA OPENING NIGHT

27 WED

- 6:00 PM • MOA MAIN ATRIUM — AXE presents MENSWEAR Collection
  ANTHONY NOCOM • BANG PINEDA • FREDERICK POLICARPIO • JESSON CAPUCHINO • M BARRETTO • NICO AGUSTIN ODELON SIMPAO • RAMON FAVILA • RICKY ABAD • SIMON ARIEL VASQUEZ • ULYSSES KING
- 7:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RM. 4 — SM DEPARTMENT STORE
- 9:00 PM • SMX HALL 2 — PAPERDOLLS & WHARTON

28 THU

- 5:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RMS. 2 & 3 — IPANEMA presents RESORT WEAR Collection
  ANTHONY NOCOM • RAMON FAVILA • RICKY ABAD • SIMON ARIEL VASQUEZ
- 6:00 PM • MOA MAIN ATRIUM — FREEGO
- 7:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RM. 4 — PREMIERE A
  LYLE IBAÑEZ • NOEL ONBOSTOMO • RAOUL RAMIREZ • RONALDO ARNALDO
- 8:00 PM • SMX HALL 2 — LEVI'S

29 FRI

- 5:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RMS. 2 & 3 — SONY CYBERSHOT presents LUXE WEAR Collection
  EDWIN LIY • JAKI PERALOSA • JOHN GUARINES • JONITE MARTINEZ • JULIUS TARDIS • KAT CORPUS SAMCAR KISMAYADHI • MELVIN LACHICA • ROLIE WEZA • RICHARD PAPA • ROEL ROSAL • ROLAND LURD • TINA DIANIC
- 6:00 PM • MOA MAIN ATRIUM — RUSTY LOPEZ
- 7:00 PM • SMX HALL 2 — FOLDED & HUNG also featuring JELLYBEAN
- 9:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RM. 4 — OXYGEN

30 SAT

- 2:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RMS. 2 & 3 — READY TO WEAR Collection sponsored by SAN MARINO Paella Tuna
  ANNA LEAH SALVADOR • ARNEL ZULUETA • DAVE OCAMPO • GRACE ONG • JAN LADALA • MEGA MAKYMAKA PRINCE LIBESTRA • REIAN MATA • RICHIE BONDOC
- 4:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RM. 4 — JUN JUN CAMBE • LITO PEREZ
- 5:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RMS. 2 & 3 — WHISPER presents PREMIERE B Collection
  ALODIA CECILIA • EMILY XY • JOYCE PEARSEY • LIZANNE GUA
- 6:00 PM • MOA MAIN ATRIUM — LEE
- 7:00 PM • SMX HALL 2 — PENSHOPPE
- 9:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RMS. 2 & 3 — SONY VAIO presents DESIGN FUSION / VISIONS and TRENDS Collection
  (DESIGN FUSION) - ED PARCON • DIMPLE LIM • DON PROTACIO • JOT LUSA • RUSSELL VILLAFUERTE (VISIONS and TRENDS) - ANTHONY CESAR RAMIREZ • DOMI DELAVIN • ENRICO CAMADO • HERBERT CUSTODIO KERMIT TESORO • OZ GO • ROWAN ORTEGA

31 SUN

- 1:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RM. 4 — GRAND ALLURE
  ALBERT ANDRADA • BANDOX FLORES • BENJIE MANUEL • CHRISTIAN NARVADEZ • GERSHWIN GUA JUNE PUGAT • RUBEN SANTOS • WEIJAY FLORESCA
- 2:30 PM • SMX FUNCTION RMS. 2 & 3 — CHRIS DIAZ • JEROME SALAYA ANG
- 4:00 PM • SMX FUNCTION RM. 4 — GERRY KATIGBAK • MARLON RIVERA • MICHELLE LIM
- 5:30 PM • SMX FUNCTION RMS. 2 & 3 — PREMIERE C Collection
  ARNOLD GALANG • JEFFREY ROGADOR • JOEL OCOCBOT • VAKI REYES • ESAC, Raoul Ramirez • Lyle Ibañez & AudreE
- 6:30 PM • MOA MAIN ATRIUM — FORD MODEL SUPERMODEL of the WORLD PHILIPPINES 2010
- 7:30 PM • SMX HALL 2 — CESAR GAUPO

One IN FASHION

WITH HONORABLE SUPPORT FROM OUR PARTICIPATING SPONSORS:

IPANEMA whisper AXE POND'S SAN MARINO Tuna Paella

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER/DIRECTORS: ALICE A. COPING • JOEY S. ESPINO JR.

DIRECTORS: ARIEL UZZIEH • CATA PEÑARUBIA • JACKIE ADAME • RAYMOND BILLENDEVE • ROBBY CARMONA

OFFICIAL RUNWAY PHOTOGRAPHER: NELSON VILLARICA

PHOTOGRAPHERS: CELESTE ARNOLD • DOC MARLON PICAR • KAI HUANG

STYLIST: JOHN LOZANO

HAIR & MAKE-UP ARTISTS: ANTON PADLU • ARCHIE VALENCIA • MARK BAGUIRAN • RICKY ARCANO • ROMAN VILLARA

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: Manila Bulletin STAR INQUIRER The Manila Times BusinessMirror

MEDIA PARTNERS: candy weekend Inquirer.net/Style GARAGE MOD UNTV People... Digicel Cosmopolitan Bazaar Healthmag

for more information, log on to: www.philippinefashionweekfallwinter.com

Budding artist ...

From page B1

pero to afford his laundry, toiletries and food. When his salary hit P5,00, he would go to the nearby bakery as 6 a.m. on Mondays to buy as much bread as he could, and sell it on his classmates.

"Minsan, pinagawa ko 'to ng palapa-dalid bread," Vincent says, eyes twinkling. He said have been natural at entrepreneurship because he'd earn P300 more than he initially spent! "Dito mas nahasan ako at nadidiganan ko pa ng dasu hapatid ko," he says with pride.

After school, he continued touching him. still to draw, paint and create. And like the story goes, experience readies us in a sul. moments when passion teaches us to an hour.

By the time Vincent reached 4th year high school, the awards started coming. He placed second in his first national art competition for designing an architectural design of a house. This encouraged him to join more contests, lured by the cash prize that enabled him to help his family.

His above talent eventually earned him a scholarship in UP Baguio.

Now his days are spent getting to know oil, acrylic, watercolor, and sculpture. Vincent's coherent interest in the environment has also led him to dabble with print art, but sometimes the paper isn't enough, or doesn't arrive on time. Vincent has found other ways to sustain his passion. In addition to being a homebody, Vincent spends his summers working in the Baguio Day Hall, buying and selling products and artwork.

Inspiring achiever

Before you throw your pity party, listen to his take on the situation. "Challenge ito sa 'kin para gaitigan and sarap sa aa inspiration to others," he says. The same optimism applies to competing: "Pag tabi, dinah ako umasang ng kabuan. Umasan ako ng manaya dahil pambigong inspirasyon 'yun, ibig sabihin, kahanga-hanga mas galingan sana tena," he adds.

In a few years, Vincent will graduate from

"HERO: Bawang Guio," speaks of poverty and pain.

"IFAGAO HUMAN: Ito Kanchikuwan," sculpture of a naked woman

the finer U. Hopefully to be an art teach. or in the flung corners of Cordillera to educate the youth about the country's art traditions. The comes as no surprise; the image of infants is a recurring theme in his works.

One of his award-winning paintings entitled "Empowering Youth" is laden with symbolism: a green Earth lies on top of a blunted pencil, which is placed on top of the landscape on a desk.

He also dreams about studying abroad to learn about art. "Pero parang isang malaking pangarap parte ang happy na ito," he says modest of luck. For now, his dreams are grounded in his hometown.

"Nano isang makatulong sa pamilya ko. Gusto kong gumaling ang nanay ko at maging ayos ang kapatid ko. Gusto kong magkaroon ng bahay na mas ciniyogan at simpleng kaya ko," he says matabi-matabi ang kanyang ito."

With the burning passion, immense potential, and fierce nationalism that Vincent has, there is no doubt that he will one day change the landscape of Philippine art.

"EMPOWERING Youth" is Vincent's award-winning piece.

How to get the perfect pair...

From page B1

Those whose body type is pear (you have full hips and thighs, plus a smaller waist) would benefit from boot cuts and straight cuts, especially those with a mid- wash and a low rise. Skip the skinnies unless you want to look like a giant carrot. However, you should stay away from too much fading, whiskers and distressing because they just widen the shape. Skip those with patch or detailed pockets, too.

If each of your body segments has a rounded appearance, your body type is oval, so buy boot cuts for that hotip and lean look. Stay away from dim cuts and skinnies, instead, go for the regular-waisted ones that are relaxed in the hip and thigh areas.

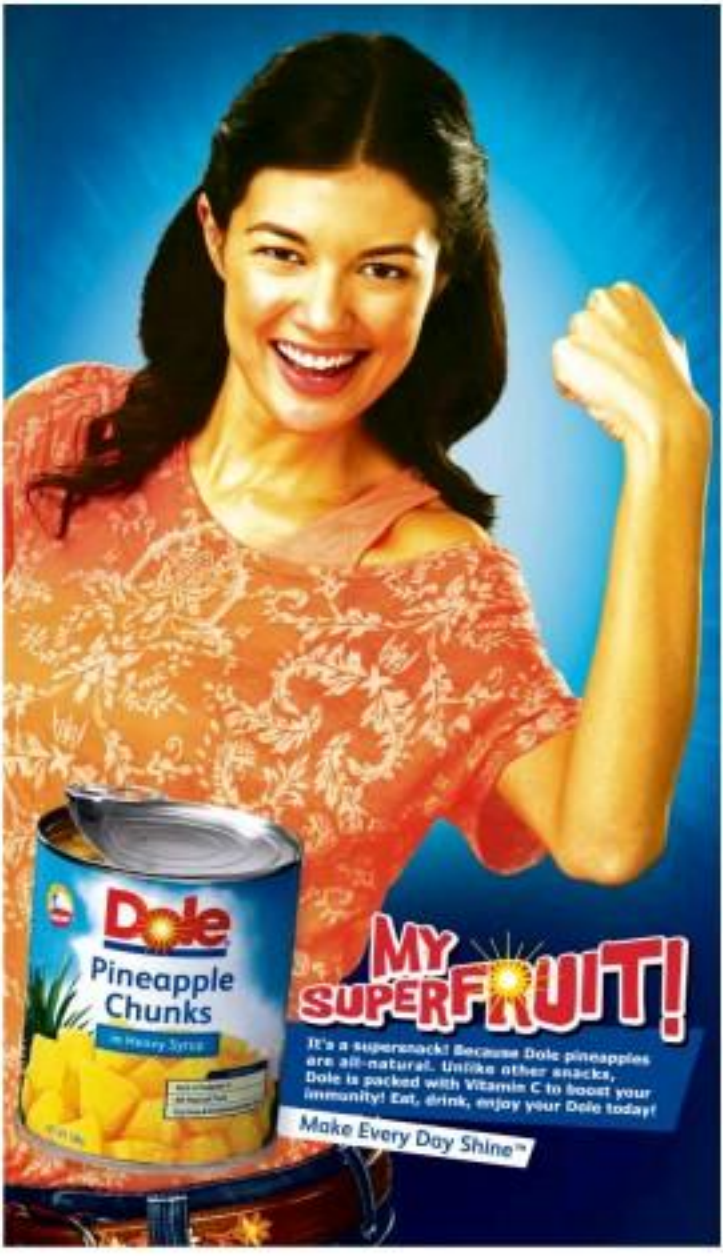
And if you're one of those lucky people with an hourglass body type, investing you have a small waist and equal hip and bust measurements, boot cuts and flares will balance your curves. Also remember that high-waisted jeans can draw attention to your small waist.

Desire care

Joe is proud Tough Jeans because they are, well, tough, apart from being trendy (pants look is urban and rebellious) and unique (designs are never repeated and stocks are limited per city).

But even the toughest jeans need to be taken care of. Joe recommends hand-washing them in cold water (hot water will shrink jeans), and preferably with denim preservatives like a pinch of salt or a teaspoon of vinegar. Always wash and hang them dry (tends can't preserve the color), avoiding the washing machine and any bleaching solution.

Got any more denim tips? E-mail the author at simonnekathlyn@yahoo.com



Easy does it

Give nine-step chic look by capping your trousers with cozy knits.

Sleeveless knitted sweater, Pronovel; Khaki tweed cropped pants, Bayo; Studded flat pumps, Soho

A kick in the pants

Take your chinos on an easy spin

Deep pocket

Go utilitarian chic: Loose-fit cargo pants with zippered bag is right on target

Black floral ruffled tank, Bayo; gray knitted vest, Mango; khaki cargo pants, Pronovel; gold bangle, Aldo; maroon suede shoulder bag, Pronovel; gray sandal, Aldo's mary jane studded wooden heels, Soho

Length-wise

Look tall even with design overload: pants by choosing a cropped, shoulder bag.

Multicolored tunic, Mango; khaki cropped pants, Bayo; silver necklace, Aldo; tan studded pumps, Soho

In the details

Crafty add-ons elevate wrong touch in cropped boots.

Gray studded brown sweater, Pronovel; khaki cropped pants, Bayo; all-on bangle, Aldo; white spiked signet's mary jane accent heels, Soho

Shop directory

- Soho S/F Powerplant Mall, Rockwell Center, Makati City
- Mango G/F Glorietta 5, Ayala Center, Makati City
- Bayo 2/F Powerplant Mall, Rockwell Center, Makati City
- Aldo G/F Powerplant Mall, Rockwell Center, Makati City
- Pronovel G/F Greenbelt 5, Ayala Center, Makati City

Jeans toughen up

WHAT was launched in Hong Kong in 1994, is now in Manila. Tough Jeansmith fuel been sating the discriminating tastes of jeans aficionados all over the world, in China, Macau, Taiwan, Russia, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, South Africa, Japan, Indonesia, Ukraine, Malaysia and Thailand.

Tough Jeansmith was launched at the Shangri-La Plaza. The fashion show was directed by Jackie Aquino and showcased the urban-millionaire flair of Tough Jeansmith.

Guests listened to the cool music of DJ 'Kenji' and the pumping performance of Abstract. Highlights of the show was the parading of Tough Jeansmith's ambassadors, international television host Jiwon Moral, model Patti Bautista, movie actress Shaneder Travis, model Luke Jickain and businessman Alex Llanes.

"I've been through some major ups and downs in my life. This is why I am now a tough woman," said Patti Bautista. "I've always kept the faith ... this new chapter is my life is my second chance to be the best [that] I can be in whatever I do," the actress said.

"I have been modeling for more than eight years and I've still have doing my stuff," said Luke Jickain on serving bangin the modeling industries. "There are a lot of legends out to expand [the] life span in your field. There you be mental toughness, self-discipline and a clear vision ... There are million ways to get in."

Just like Tough's ambassadors, Tough Jeansmith's denim design is industrial, yet comfortable, sexy, stylish and is built to last.

Tough Jeans is located at Shangri-La Plaza, Trinoma, Best Park Greenbelt 5 and Robinson's Place, Manila.

JOEY Mead

JOEY Llanes

How to get the perfect pair of jeans—*and make it last long*

By Nina Mark H. Salvar
Contributor

IF YOU'VE WORN a pair of jeans for seven days straight, washed it only on the eighth day and then felt guilty about it, do it again next time—except the feeling guilty part.

As I recently discovered, the perfect way to care for your favorite denim pair is to wear it a lot and wash it less. Straightup, but true.

Euphoric Joy Austria, brand manager of Tough Jeans in the Philippines, "Usually, if you like something, we seldom wear it and just reserve it for special occasions. But when it comes to jeans, you should wear it every day and wash it less."

The explanation behind this denim gold-en rule is that your body secretes oil, which makes the denim fabric pliable. So the longer you wear your jeans, the more that it will eventually contour to your body shape—to the point it will seem like second skin.

This isn't the only unexpected denim tip from Joy, who has also worked with DM, and brands like Topshop, Topman and Burnley Perkins.

When buying a new pair, she suggests always going for loose ones and concepts like, because those are the safest styles. You should aim fit the pair—walk on, run, and even squat) to check if you feel comfortable and can move in them.

When you can't make up your mind between two sizes, never choose the bigger size. Denim pants tend to get bigger with every wash.

Be careful with the smaller sizes, though, because a too-small pair can give you a muffin top (yes Jessie, that bulge created above the waistline when your jeans are too tight). And when your pair shrinks, you might end up having unwanted wrinkles.

Finding the perfect size is also important. Be careful with high-rise jeans because they might end up looking like mom jeans on you. But don't instantly go for super low-rise jeans, either because you might expose a whole rail when wearing thongs.

According to body type

If your body type is banana, meaning you are muscular with wide chest-area, go for stonewashed light wash jeans because they give the illusion of curves and volume. Also look for pants that have flap pockets with embellishments because they add bulk to your behind, making it look fuller.

For those whose weight is found along the midsection (your body type is apple), dim rinse should be avoided. Instead, just stick to regular wash(ed) jeans. To balance the upper body, go for straight cut denims with wide legs. Side pockets can also make you look slimmer and sexier.

A SLIGHT DIP built makes your behind look bigger.

The golden rule: wear it a lot and wash it infrequently

IF YOU want curves and volume, go for a pair of jeans with whiskers.

LUKE Ickstein

What's the story behind your fave pair of jeans?

Celebs talk about why their choice denims are special, treasured and irreplaceable

By Nina Mark H. Salvar

IT HAS A huge hours on on the butt part. I just keep sewing it together! My cousin Ivonna Uy-Tan has massive collection of Seven pairs, True Religion, etc. I went in her house and saw her entire collection. She said to me, "Try some on, Ivon." So I did, and I fell in love with this perfect fit True Religion Joey style. I said to her, "Can I just buy this?" she said, "Yours na lang." It has been my love for the past few years now.

—Gemma Cruz

I was actually discovered by Bench Model through a feature in a newspaper about jeans. It was in 2006 for Viktor Jeans. We have that pictorial, I don't know where I'd be now!

—Kimberly Dee

I bought my favorite jeans—dark blue, size 2, straight cut—in Manila. The mall closed while I was still in the dressing room fitting! Hahaha! I didn't know that they closed at 7 p.m. on weekdays. Nine pair and all up being my favorite jeans.

—Kyla

When I was in second year high school, I had a crush on this girl and I'd see her on weekends. That time, I didn't have money to take her to the mall, so what we did was go the park in the village beside hers...Iron on ba? Sa clothes hanger to get to the other side. One time, I didn't notice there was a wire sticking out and next thing I knew there was a big tear on the back pocket of my pants. She was nice enough to put a hair clip to close the big rip. My now favorite pair of jeans is this faded denim pair I got 300 from Tough Jeans. Aruuh, which I'm sure wouldn't go torn even if I climb that fence again.

—Luke Ickstein

Aiyka! I really don't have a favorite pair because my jeans also changes. Therefore, I have yet to find the perfect pair.

—Carla Abellana

KIDDIE SHOE-CASE

Cute footwear collection for youngsters at SM Department Store

2b LIFESTYLE

A-LIST

How Sarah and Vicky spread their vibes

THE DOLL girls, Vicky Herrera and Sarah Meier

Radio's accidental role models win a fan base

By Erica Paredes
Contributor

WHEN MODEL and former MTV VJ Sarah Meier was asked to come on board an radio DJ for URO, it was a whirlwind of plans and meetings, which climaxed in a lot of decision-making: choosing her co-host Vicky Herrera, the show title, "The Dollhouse," and all in supposedly a matter of days!

"The concept wasn't really as defined as it ended up turning to be," says Sarah, "but because we both generally have the same priorities... things clicked, and the show became a breeding ground for positivity, creativity, knowledge and lighthearted fun...almost as soon as we got on air."

From a general idea of wanting to incorporate in the show their love for music, fashion and culture, sprang regular segments, such as, "The Dopeness and The Wackness," "The Real OG," and "Dollhouse Word of the Day."

All segments were so popular that they even had listeners creating "dopeness" and "wackness" team mottos for them. There were also listeners spouting the slang word of the day and decoding their mandatory "Dollhie" text.

Real role models

Those two dolls break down the notion that models don't have the brains to go with the beauty.

Without meaning to be, they have become role models for positive thinking. Unlike most people who must put on a public image, Vicky and Sarah portray nothing short of themselves.

"I think everybody knew from the second I got onto MTV that I had no intention of being just a mannequin. But modeling is part of my world, and my reality, and that's all I am adamant about...that we keep things real," says Sarah.

Vicky sometimes thinks, "Where I was growing up, what did I need to hear? What advice would have been good?" and tries to be that voice for the youth in the radio show.

Don't get it twisted though, these girls also know how to have fun. If you have ever heard Sarah's broke into runaways, Vicky's infectious giggling or their crazy on-air banter, you'll have a newfound appreciation for how well rounded they actually are.

Vicky also knows the value of her position and refuses to take it for granted. Despite all the pretty young things in media today this 23-year-old has her head screwed on right and screwed on tight.

"I know that at the end of the day, what's really important is not the fame or attention you receive, but how many people you can help... how many lives you can change. I don't want to influence people to value the wrong things," she stresses.

And where exactly does all this awareness come from? Who are their influences and role models? "My family and friends play a huge role in my life. I can always talk to them about what I am thinking and feeling. They influence me, from my mindset to my music tastes," says Vicky, while Sarah admits she's still on a constant look-out for role models.

"The reason I came up with 'The Real OG' segment, was because I, perhaps selfishly, was in search of a mentor, and thought that the youth could stand to learn a thing or two from pioneers," Sarah says. She names Rico Hizon, Jim Paredes, Ryan Cayabyab and Cory Quirino as inspirations for taking her love of country to a

SARAH AND VICKY, F3

SMART CHOICES FOR A SMARTPHONE.

Whether you choose the classic Nokia C5 or the touch and type Nokia C6, these Nokia smartphones allow you to connect in more ways than one. You can chat, email, Facebook, Twitter, call and text 24/7 on the go! All these without breaking the bank! Now that's really smart.

NOKIA
Connecting People

NOKIA C5
SRP P8,500

NOKIA C6
SRP P15,000

EVERYDAY'S A FRIDAY, A-LIST STYLE

How Sarah and Vicky spread their vibes

From page P1

different travel, and Douglas Quijano, Raymund Manotojon and Lucel de Vera for coloring their creative side.

Depression

It's apparent that the two have mutual admiration and respect. Both say that one of the biggest perks of the job was being able to work with each other daily.

"I feel like friends have taught me a lot on not only becoming a better 'host' but also a better person. I can honestly say that her presence made a huge impact on my life this past year," says Vicky.

"I'm just grateful to know that I have someone out there that I can work with on that level. Vicky is too dope," Sarah says.

When asked what else made the daily diva's dopeness, Sarah felt that being in touch with people from everywhere on the world was one of the best parts of her job.

In some instances would drop in regularly, and there has been cute notes, comments, thanks to the Internet. Twitter and other social networks.

SARAH Forever "Dopeness" shirt, inspired by her segment of the same name. Vicky poses on the side.

WITH some friends on their last day

Said DJ," Sarah says, "I have fallen completely in love with watching the sun rise over Manila every day. What a different perspective. Everyone needs to try do it on a regular basis."

Vicky considers having their fans or "playmates" as one of the job's perks. Her motivation and desire to do cool, curiously well on radio stems from out of the kind words and encouragement from fans. There even about life coach, Pia Arcinuela, was also a big plus for Vicky.

"We were able to help a lot of people solve personal issues when words Pia would discuss topics. I feel like we were able to touch a lot of people who didn't have access to that kind of advice," she says.

Next episode

So what's next for the Dolls now that DYI has closed down?

They will probably continue modelling, swilling for magazines and traveling. But what about a Dolls one-open-off?

"Sarah and I have always got a idea rolling off/around, and will have many projects we want to do on a team," says Vicky.

She adds: "But we do say: 'The mission is the same, but the medium still change.' Now it's all about the next level of doing things. Bad to was only the beginning."

SARAH cleaning office workstation

VICKY manors multitasking.

A celebrity helps kids in Cebu

By Nino Mark H. Sabilan
Photos by Brother Enrique

TWO GIRLS from Haven For Girls gifted Bianca with handmade accessories: a bracelet and a cardboard orange flower ring.

TV HOST Bianca Scarlet has been appointed Child Rights Supporter for UNICEF Philippines, and we such, she shall be focusing on education issues like the importance of early learning, and how children can be better prepared to enter and complete school.

Bianca's love affair with helping children and UNICEF started very early.

Together with her siblings, Bianca was brought up to be generous by their mom, who encouraged them to give back to the community during Christmas or their birthdays, and would gift them with new stuff the ones that they shared their old toys with others.

As for UNICEF, Bianca admit that don't been interested in the organization a long time ago, even reading up and researching on them, because of all their inspiring achievements. Helping out UNICEF then was naturally a no-brainer for the compassionate celebrity.

Fast time, the got to interview singer Gary Valenciano and since his Pure Energy is also the country's UNICEF National Ambassador, she asked him how she could help the group. Gary got in touch with some people and before long, Bianca was already informally raising funds for the group.

Super good-will ambassador

In 2007, Bianca raised for big expenditures Megaspot cross to raise P50,000 to funds for a library of 100 books. In 2009, she was able to raise even more: P40,000, which was used to purchase books, toys and musical instruments for two day care centers in Toledo and Sto. Cruz, Manila, that she was able to personally visit.

As a UNICEF Child Rights Supporter, Bianca has already gone to her first official field visit with the UNICEF staff in Guimaras Iloilo, where she was exposed to UNICEF's several projects.

More recently, Bianca flew to Cebu to personally know more about the group's child protection programs, which included water and home-based day care, health programs in schools and child protection services for both boys and girls.

On her first day in Cebu, Bianca met the UNICEF team and visited the Boy Scout Camp in Brgy. Lahug, where seven children (endorsed by Cebu CSO's Action Plaza and Integrity of Creation or IDC) were enjoying their arts camp.

The next or last 30 street kids who were rescued by both governmental and non-governmental organizations, and you organized in their boundless support systems, were presented a play about people's concerns and life and problems. With the help of IDC outreach workers, youth-level private, community

CONTINUED TO P11

It's time to Ovi

From page P4

with a website and are popular in the local market," said Marcelino.

Create your own app

Bloggers and website owners will rejoice as a unique service offered by Ovi: creating your website's own app that can be downloaded from the Ovi store. Instead of just downloading different apps, you can also create one for your website that will be made available to all Ovi users.

The App Wizard, which is a site in the Ovi store, helps content developers in this case, bloggers or any one else in fact) create an app without getting into the technical aspect in just six steps. You can add your site's logo, personalize with icons, colors and language, and even add an ad position.

"All you need to do is make sure your site has RSS feed (web technology that pushes content or updates automatically) so if you have that, you can go into App wizard and you can create your own widget and Java application for your own site, with all your branding, then you can publish the Java application and widget for free," Marcelino said.

"The whole idea behind The App wizard, as the name goes, is it provides a manual for creating an application. Not just for bloggers but even for websites in general. They don't need to look for a designer to create it for them," he added.

Ovi users who still download your app will not have to pay either, because everything in the Ovi store in the Philippines is for free. "We're one of the few countries that offers free content," Marcelino said.

Bloggers can give their readers and shoppers an easy, accessible and mobile avenue to update with new posts.

"With Ovi, information can be shared and gathered at your fingertips, and it's not just for us," he said.

NOKIA N97

How to Ovi

ALL THIS Ovi talk might just go flying until you head, so the first step to understanding it or signing up for an Ovi mail yourself. Trust us, it's quite simple. Understanding Series to mark (some complicated (and painful!). Here are quick steps to get you to reap the benefits of Ovi:

1. On your mobile phone, go to the Ovi store icon and click it. You can browse through Wi-Fi connection or your network's available internet connection service.
2. Look around for content or applications you might want, then download. There are games, themes and chat apps like Skype or Fring, apart from the best ones searched last week.
3. Sign in with your Nokia account in Ovi. If you don't have one yet, just click the "Create a Nokia account" button and input details to create an account. Then click the "I agree" button. It's as easy as signing up for anything online.
4. After signing up, you'll be redirected to the application you want to download. Download and installation should start automatically.
5. Enjoy the app—get movie screenings, celebrity and lifestyle stuff, latest and greatest, find the nearest sand and ATM's—and probably sex. "Ooh!"
6. Love the app? Send the application to a friend with the "Send to friend" button and input the mobile number. You can also write a review for other Ovi users!

A celebrity helps kids in Cebu

From page F1

welfare volunteers and even Bianca herself (who assisted the kids with their makeup), the street children definitely had a fun and productive day, forgetting their problems even for a while.

Youth rehab center

The next day, the destination was the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region VII – Regional Rehabilitation Center for the Youth (RRCY) in Talisay, Cebu province, which houses almost 70 young men age 18 years old and below, who are there for cases of rape, theft and stealing carabaos.

A lot of young offenders used to be jailed along with adult offenders but thanks to a push from RRCBE the Republic Act 9344 or the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006 was passed. It prohibits the jailing of children with adult offenders, so as a result, hundreds of children behind bars were instead transferred to DSWD facilities, such as the RRCY.

The RRCY is a halfway house for the young offenders who undergo rehabilitation while awaiting for the results of their cases, although depending on their predicaments, rehabilitation entails the same; their sentences can be reduced. They can be recommended for community service, or they can even be released back to their families.

In the center, the boys welcomed Bianca and the other guests with a series of performances, from sing-a-longs to dances, proving just how naturally talented and productive they are in the center. Afterwards, Bianca had a chat with the boys, who talked about their daily activities, and more importantly their path to life.

In the afternoon, the team proceeded to The Haven and Home for Girls, which is literally a haven and a home for those girls in all the girls sharing their stories on victim of abuse, exploitation, violence and child trafficking. A mixture of song and dance numbers were also rendered, and Bianca was in exchange with Bianca, who proudly answered the girls' questions.

Bianca says lessons about children's education, but her recent Cebu trip wasn't just about her advocacy UNICEF also, majority children in all aspects, basic health and nutrition to protection from violence, abuse and exploitation.

"We traveled to expand Bianca's exposure to our programs, particularly in child protection," says Jean Pagaduan of UNICEF's communications group. "Our team works with the government and has a vast network of partner NGOs, especially in Cebu, such as DSWD's RRTC, RRC and The Haven and Home for Girls. The programs run by these institutions give you a glimpse of the immense work that needs to be done to protect our children against violence, abuse and exploitation."

Her trip to Cebu might be one of her last for UNICEF but Bianca admits that she's learned a lot from it. "Sobrang laswa, it's not just the material things that [count], it's really the emotion you give them," says Bianca, who remembers her last hour visit to one of the centers, where the kids got so excited to her to just a short span of time.

"It gives them hope, it gives them motivation to finish jobs and studying because, 'Pag ganun pala ako, ganun ako kasaya.'"

The Cebu trip, of course, is just the start of Bianca's work with UNICEF.

Apart from promoting the group's fundraising program called Champions for Children (see sidebar), she will also be named model in **Swatow**, Jean Jaymon's Retail Along and in the MyStyle Gala on Project Up, Tiki, Tatoo and Make Some for the Millennium Development Goals this month.

E-mail the author at mailto:mailto@yahoo.com.

BIANCA has difficult questions for the boys.

Be a champion for children

YOU DON'T need to do something grand to save from a piggy bank and kidnapped. Through UNICEF's Champions for Children, you can make a huge difference. All you need to do is allot some time of your allowance or salary each month.

Champions for Children is a community of UNICEF supporters working to help Filipino children all over the country so they can enjoy the right to education, healthcare and nutrition, as well as protection from neglect, abuse and exploitation through regular monthly donations.

As P600/month or P20/day, you can provide 24 children sufficient nourishment with Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) to address dehydration caused by diarrhea, or help send five children back to school, complete with supplies, or ensure clean drinking water for five children for one month in an evacuation center.

It's easy to be a Champion for Children: you can just go to a UNICEF location loading malls and sign the form, or be a pledge donor via your monthly support through your credit card. Since you become one, you will be sent regular updates on the group's endeavors from Gary Valenciano and the children themselves.

To find out more about UNICEF and Champions for Children, call/text/e-mail/fax at 0917 756-9000. You can also check UNICEF Philippines on Facebook, Twitter and Yahoo!.

UNICEF Child Rights supporter Bianca Gonzalez says that it's very easy to be a part of this group's efforts to better the lives of children around the world. "With Champions for Children, all you have to do is commit a little of your savings each month," she says. "Nine at all major, see at all impossible!"

UP Economics Society
SERVICE, EXCELLENCE & TRADITION SINCE 1958

The UP Economics Society congratulates the St. Scholastica's College Manila High School Glee Club for being crowned Grand Champion at **MUSIKAPELLA**, held last October 2, 2010. They also bagged the People's Choice Award and the Best Contest Piece Interpretation Award. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

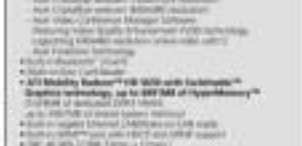
MUSIKAPELLA is an annual high school chorale competition that began in 2005. Organized by the UP Economics Society, it aims to promote healthy competition among the youth as well as to raise funds for the organization's high school scholars.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE:

Take care. GARNIER Victoria's Secret FERN

Derek Acer
His brand of choice.

ASPIRE 4820TG-54E2G64Mnkk



Aspire 4736G-644G50Mnkk

acer

THE ICONS are easy to navigate.

ORDER from your smartphone.

It's time to Ovi

Forget going online to find out the latest in movie schedules, restaurant reviews and collegiate basketball scores. Get them on mobile with Nokia's latest Ovi applications with local content

By Ronne Capili

IT'S THE weekend once again, and you and your friends are trying to find ways to spend those glorious two days that just don't seem to last long enough. Are you still logging online to check out movie screening schedules of your fave malls or which restaurant to try out?

Yeah, we know you're doing it with your super cool Web-friendly smartphones in the comforts of your own home (we don't fully connect, or harass you through your unlimited Internet access provided by your local network. But do tell, you're still searching on Internet browsers, yes?

Please don't tell us you're still calling the cinemas' automated hotlines (even if it's through your super cool communication device that everyone else is just salivating over online!). It's practically 2011, and if your friends' status messages are available with a few clicks non laptops, so are the latest in lifestyle.

THERE are so many applications to choose from.

Local Ovi applications

Nokia Ovi Stores' newest applications (apps) feature local websites and blogs with their own Ovi applications and widget. What does this mean to us non-tech geeks? If you have a Nokia device that supports Ovi, which most of the latest Nokia devices do, and an Ovi account, you can download widgets or applications from sites like Click the City, Munch Punch, and Concierge's molly, to get the info you need through your mobile phone and without having to use a computer.

If you're connected to the Internet through Wi-Fi or through your mobile networks' services, just open your Click the City application to find the next movie screening nearest you, or the address of that restaurant you've always been meaning to try with the Munch Punch widget. Say goodbye to opening up your laptop, hitting an Internet call or even going back home just to know if there's a sale to Greenbelt or not—you don't even have to launch an Internet browser on your mobile phone.

Want to know if your favorite author's latest book is in stores? Fully Booked also has its own application which will allow you to search what's on the shelves. Info8.com also has its own widget, together with famous food, mobile, fitness and even dining blog sites like YugaTech, Digital Photographer Philippines, Pulse.ph, Unlimitedgadgetphilippines.net, Pinoy Fitness, Food Trippings, Techpinas, Food Fanatic, dyes-in-soft, apps are available as widgets or java versions.

Soon, the Ovi store will be offering apps with built for jobs and another app to the works is one under the reservations industry.

"We are really engaging a good number of the local brands, especially those already

OVI'S

WITH OVI, you don't need to open a browser.

CLICK the City, one of the most useful sites

Weddings BY MARRIOTT

Marriott MANILA

super LIFESTYLE

How to stay connected while traveling –minus the roaming costs

Voila! I had an unlimited mobile Internet system in my handbag

By Yuen Yung
Contributor

NO DOUBT cruises are feel like a voyage in a foreign country than having limited phone access. The cruise now between spooning around sending messages and making calls while abroad and a prepaid plan with all the unlicensed bells and whistles is glaring, and don't get me started on the lack of Internet access.

IPHONE users can use a USB to wall-mount modem and a portable router to eliminate roaming charges when traveling.

Surely there is a better way to travel and stay connected without incurring prohibitive roaming costs. After a little research and planning, I finally came across a great solution, which I managed to readers during a trip to Singapore.

With the help of an iPhone, a USB broadband modem and a portable broadband router (available on Amazon.com), I was able to send messages, use mobile Internet 24/7 for five whole days—and it only cost me P200 a day with my phone bill reflecting zero roaming charges.

After checking out Singapore's available mobile networks on the list, I settled on purchasing a M3T2I (P449.95) prepaid mobile broadband SIM card from StarHub. The SIM comes preloaded with credits which lets you subscribe to a 14-day unlimited roaming service.

I plugged the SIM into the modem which was connected to the router, and voila! I had an unlimited mobile Internet system in my handbag.

The portable router allowed me to hook up my iPhone and other Wi-Fi enabled devices to the network. That way, only one SIM card was used and I could still receive messages from my

Graphics Design: Ruben Joshua Cunio
Email: supplements@gmail.com.ph

A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Where to Stop Where to Go

Gaudi recommends Blood Sausage this Halloween

FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY Halloween try Morcilla or blood sausage at Gaudi Restaurante. Morcilla as generally a thick sausage, about 2 ½ to 3 inches across, stuffed with pig's blood, rice, onions and spices. Morcilla is served to Gaudi both as a tapa and as an ingredient in stews. For only P398, enjoy the enticing flavor and texture of Morcilla with your family and friends this Halloween.

Gaudi is open daily from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. Wine all you can paired with tapas and canapé's a second every Friday (starting on 10/8 p.m. Located at ground level of Serendra, Fort Bonifacio, Gaudi is surrounded by top business offices, theaters and high-end shops, making it an ideal spot for a quiet coffee break, a fashionable business lunch or a romantic dinner.

Gaudi offers a modern Spanish cuisine headed by executive chef Alexandra Cadiz. Her restaurant specializes in tapas and paellas plus a select range of salad, pasta and dessert. The wine selection is from around the world valued well for money. The unique design of the restaurant reflects the art and genius of Catalonian architect Antoni Gaudi. For more reservations and reservations, call 856-8475.

Wizards and Witches party at Marriott Manila

THE fantasy comes to life with the biggest party this spooky season. Whether you are to for a day of dining or trick or treating with the kids, Marriott Hotel Manila throws to a truly magical celebration.

Enthrall the senses to a Halloween brunch with the whole family and revel in the non-stop party ambiance for only US$115++ P. For a mini-moon of two-nights stay, recharge in the luxurious comforts of Marriott Manila which includes breakfast for two persons and two complimentary entrance tickets to the Halloween Party.

A mesmerizing Halloween surprise awaits at Whisky Bar on Oct. 30, 2 p.m., where the little ones are in for an adventure filled with scrumptious delights and a fun-filled party. Dress up your favorite wizard and witches party for only P500 net. Dress up the kids with their chosen character for a truly-enchanting moment while they get a chance to win a special gift for their costume and most unique costume.

Join the fun-filled party with spectacular party activity traditions such as the spellbinding magic show, storyline painting, and flashy glimmer tattoo will surely keep them amused. The kids are also put in the spotlight at the interactive pizza making activity where they will have a great time embellishing their own pizza creations with premium toppings. Preparing a tasty treat has never been this absolutely fun and bubbly.

As the most awaited highlight, the kids will roam around the hotel claiming all their creative knacks for "trick or treat". Up for grabs are dainty and decadent take home goodies courtesy of Marie's Cookie, Islands, Universal Robina Corporation, Grand Alpasch Corporation, Leslie's Corporation and Greenway Marketing Corporation.

The Halloween is truly bewitching since a buffet for only P1,850 net-elite members get to enjoy entrance rebate to the Wizards and Witches party.

Citigym, Powerade team up for Halloween Run

CITIGYM, one of Metro Cebu's premiere 24-hour fitness centers, is staging another fun run dubbed as the Citigym Halloween Run on Oct. 31. With the success of the pilot Citigym Run held in '08 as part of Citi-gym's fourth anniversary which gathered some 1,000 runners, the gym's organizing team is expecting a bigger and more exciting run that will cover 3, 6, 10 and 21 kilometers around Cebu City. Powerade, as part of The Coca-Cola Company's drive to promote Healthy Active Lifestyles, is the official hydration partner of this event, along with Sinul Mineralized Water. Cebu Daily News is also supporting the event. The race organizers from Ma'a Mandi Race are encouraging all quality conscripted runners showcasing the run's elegant logo hues of orange and blue while Asia Pacific Adv supplies all the event collaterals in full-attractive color. Registration fee for 3K, 6K and 10K events is P250 while the 21K is P400 all Today's in ISM, ROR, RUNNR and Wellness Concepts in Manila, the Philippines Sports Commission Office in Marikina as well as Citigym on the Mactan Island. Deadline for registration is on Oct. 25 with the distribution of race packs from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on Oct. 29 and 30 at the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino.

Boracay Mandarin Island Hotel's new website up

BORACAY Mandarin Island Hotel gives a preview of room exciting things to come with a revamp of its website, www.boracaymandarin.com. At least of the refreshed site is the best way to begin your Boracay getaway! The new website showcases upgraded functionalities, complimentary downloads to help make your vacation planning a stress-free experience; captivating photo galleries; exclusive packages; guest promotions and exciting events; a list of rejuvenating services at the Mandarin Spa; a month-watering menu from the famous Dim Sila Restaurante Italiano; and the brand new 360 degree Boracay mandarin Island Virtual Reality, where you can get a preview of the brand-new hotel in a virtual reality. Interactive maps, the Mandarin Island hotel's extensively brings you the latest and most convenient way of booking your stay online, anytime. Log on to www.boracaymandarin.com and sign up for the e-newsletter to receive latest promotions and news updates on everything about Boracay. For inquiries or reservations, you can also e-mail them at info@boracaymandarin.com or call (632) 367-7472; 367-1738 to 39 or 478-1111 to 13. Guest wedding and banquet inquiries to be made at (632) 478-1111 to 13 ext. 1111. The Mandarin Island Hotel is located at Beachfront Station 1, Kilometer 2, Yapak Barangay Balabag, Boracay Island. Their sales office is at the 28F 30th floor, Pearl of the Orient Building, 131 Roxas Blvd. corner Padre Faura Ste. Ermita, Manila.

Microtel Hotels · Resorts

Sparkling Thursdays at The Lounge

HYATT celebrates the weekend early with a toast.

Every Thursday in October, The Lounge is offering 30% discount on Moet and Chandon, Veuve Clicquot and Perrier-Jouet champagne from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sun enjoyed with friends and colleagues, a bottle of any of these favorite bubblies can be enjoyed with a complimentary platter of appetizing snacks.

Choose from an Asian themed platter of California maki, dim sum basket, tiger prawn spring roll and vegetarian samosas; or Western featuring fried calamari, buffalo wings, beef nachos, breaded chicken strips, bruschetta and panini cocktail. Order a magnum and receive three of your favorite glasses for free.

Sparkling Thursdays include for majesty Queen Elizabeth's favoured champagne Moet Chandon Brut and Moet Chandon Brut Imperial, the world-renowned Veuve Clicquot Brut and Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Yellow Label, and their unsurpassed Dom Perignon 2000. Unwind and reset with a sparkling glass of your favorite bubbly at The Lounge, located at the ground level of Hyatt Hotel and Casino Manila. Champagne, canapes, melodic concepts and good conversation, what more can you ask for on a perfect Thursday night?

For inquiries, please call The Lounge at 847-8662 or 845-1234.

Welcome the Ber Months in style at City Garden Hotel Makati

WITH THE IMPORTANCE of private sanctuaries while on business or leisure trips, City Garden Hotel Makati comes a rapid for each and every person. Sprinkled with comfort and appreciated for its convenient location in the heart of Makati City, the City Garden Hotel Makati welcomes the fun and flurry of the holiday rush starting this month of October. Enjoy city comfort at its best with the most indulge accommodations at very affordable rates. The City Garden Hotel creates an experience, being the only choice as your home away from home. Replace your stay with our star rated available accommodations with rooms at friendly low rates. For only P1,895+ per person, on a twin-sharing basis, week friends, Expat guests and Balikbayan family can enjoy this weekend with fancy food, and luxurious rooms. Include the use of their amenities in just as a memorable weekend! Spend the day loading the city. Sculpt those muscles at the gym. Meet your colleagues for coffee or lunch at one of their restaurants. Rest up at one of the rooms while having the beautiful Manila Skyline. All these as your stay into the City Garden Hotel Makati. Satisfy the taste buds with their signature October drink of the month called Lady Peach-a concoction of mango liqueur, brandy, fresh papaya, and fresh banana in fresh milk and syrup served in a Poco Grande glass. What more to ask for if you're utmost on the romantic sweet dessert of a cold drink! All these for the price of P245+ inclusive of a coffee mug souvenir. Feast the month's rains away-spread the feast of good food with its Chef's Specials of only P488.+ at Le Jardin Restaurant. Warm yourself with special Consomme Gonzalo maybe with your choice of either its smoke Grilled Beef Tenderloin, Tomahawk in Orange Grape Beurre Blanc served on the side with Pomegranate Gremolata or with Poached Main Alain Fillet in Green tea White Butter Sauce served with Potato Florentine.

More reasons to celebrate Teachers Month at Microtel

THE MONTH of October marks a significant celebration as we pay tribute to our dear educators. World Teachers Day is a fitting recognition to all teachers for their hardwork, dedication and uncompromising commitment. Aside from guiding us through our academic growth, we call them our "second parents" as they help hone our values and instill discipline. Teachers are also the most reliable and dedicated of public servants, unmindful of challenges, they continue to pursue their "mission" of providing academic excellence that we can give as a brighter future. Joining the celebration at Microtel Hotels & Resorts which has prepared a special treat, all for the fun, reinforment and pampering of teachers. Forget all the deadlines, lesson planning, grading sheets, syllabus etc. Rewind yourself with some of the most comforting, luxurious, exciting experience as only Microtel Hotel & Resorts can bestow. Exclusive accommodative packages await you from October 1-31. Enjoy the food, sceneries, and everything that comes along when you book your trip from any of the Microtel branches nationwide. Baguio, Cavite, Davao (P2,499), Batangas (P1,300- 1 hour massage for 2), Boracay (P2,999 -roundtrip air transfers via Cebpacific, minimum 2 nights stay), Subic/Clark (P1,699- with an hour massage for 2), Mall of Asia (P 3,999), Puerto Princesa (P3,999- roundtrip air transfers, one hour massage for two) and Tarlac (P1,399). All room rates are inclusive of breakfast for two persons. On top of this, Microtel will also be giving away gift packs from Abbott Ensure and a wellness visa from Healthway Medical which entitles teacher guests for a free consultation in any of their branches in Metro Manila. Microtel is under the Wyndham Hotel Group with more than 550 properties worldwide.

Prestige Hotels & Resorts, Inc. appoints new key officers

PRESTIGE Hotels and Resorts Inc. (PHRI), the managing company of the country's Richmonde hotel brand, proudly announces the newest additions to its roster of all-Filipino pool of talents set to further develop the hotel and leisure business segment of premier real estate company, Megaworld Corporation, headed by noted investor Carmen C. Fernando as chairperson emeritus. PHRI pioneered its first hotel brand, the Richmonde Hotel (RHI), in 1999 at the heart of Ortigas Center in Pasig City. Now, PHRI is set to launch its second Richmonde branch in the energetic community of Eastwood City in Libis, aptly named Eastwood Richmonde Hotel (ERH), this property shares not only the name of its Ortigas predecessor, but also the expertise of its officers, including its latest appointees, Mario "Joel" H. Justo, Jr. as the newly appointed RHI vice president for marketing and Joselito "Jonty" S. Benedicto, on the other hand, was signed up by PHRI as director of marketing for both RHI and ERH. Formerly the rooms division manager of "SHI, Mr. Justo spent a significant part of the early years of his 17-year hotel career with New World Hotel where he first worked as a front desk supervisor. He assumed the role of duty manager at Sherwood Hotel after his supervisory stint

MARIO (Junior, Jr) JOSE Monte Benavidez

before returning to New World as front desk manager. He then moved on to Makati Shangri-La as front office manager and eventually as director of rooms, a position he held for four years, while he lived in Cebu, he went back to obtain and joined TBH. In his two years at TBH, he pioneered several projects to upgrade the guest rooms' facilities and enhance his division's service standards. In his own capacity as resident manager of ERH, Justo will be responsible in overseeing the hotel's operations and ensuring the business goals of ERH are achieved.

HOLIDAY INN GALLERIA RENEWS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

HOLIDAY INN Galleria Manila management recently renewed a collective bargaining agreement with the National Union of Workers in Hotel, Restaurant and Allied Industries (NUWHRAIN-MEDIC-APL-IUF) covering the next five years. The agreement aims to promote industrial peace that would lead to economic growth, productivity and performance for the hotel. It is the hotel's second consecutive renewal with NUWHRAIN - MEDIC-APL-IUF which is held every five years. Present in the contract signing were Chief Operating Officer of IHG Southern Frederick Ho, general manager of Holiday Inn Galleria Manila Brigitte Egmon, owner's representative - hotels director Ricardo Gutierrez, HR manager - hotels division Edna M Sinchiat, assistant vice president - corporate legal Ma. Victoria R. Balboa, LR and MEC manager - corporate HR Felix San Agustin, corporate vice president - corporate HR Rosario M. Lim and Rizal 1 Division president together with union officers: Standing Row (from left to right) Alexis Bob Felix - Panel Member, 2nd Vice President, NUWHRAIN-MEDIC-APL - IUF Chapter; Wilfredo Bumila - Panel Member, Board Director, NUWHRAIN-MEDIC-APL IUF Chapter; Ricardo Dulpina - Panel Member, Treasurer, NUWHRAIN-MEDIC-APL IUF Chapter; Edgardo Sia - Panel Member, Board Director, NUWHRAIN-MEDIC-APL IUF Chapter; Rosalino Pangan - Panel Member, Board Director, NUWHRAIN-MEDIC-APL - IUF Chapter; Edgar Bonilla - Panel Member, PRO, NUWHRAIN-MEDIC-APL - IUF; Carlos Corvelos - Panel Member, Auditor, NUWHRAIN-MEDIC-APL- IUF Chapter; Felix Bon S. Lopez - Member, Total Rewards, LR and HRD Manager; Dolorosa M. Ibbet, Jr. Member; Vice-Chairman; Human Resources Manager; Sonia Bernard G. Dadi - Observer; HR Associate; Fonella Sterling Rose - drama set in night; Filipe Ma Guillermo - Panel Member, Secretary General, NUWHRAIN-MEDIC-APL IUF Chapter; Daniel L. Librado - Panel Co-Chairperson, Secretary General, NUWHRAIN-MEDIC-APL IUF; Rudi T. Zita - Panel Chairperson, President, NUWHRAIN-MEDIC-APL IUF Chapter; Frederick D. Cu - Chief Operating Officer, JG Summit; Brigitte Sullivan - General Manager, Ivorie; Ricardo A. Gutierrez - Chairman, Owner's Representation, Hotels; Atty. Ma. Victoria R. Balmar - Technical Advisor, Industrial Peace Association; Corporate Legal Manager; Lim - Technical Advisor; Senior Vice President, Corporate HR

CINNABON'S CHOCO PECAN TWISTY STIX

This product features two Cinnabon Stix twisted together, drizzled with chocolate syrup and sprinkled with pecan bits. It is also infused with our signature Makara Cinnamon to give it the tasty, aromatic experience that's out of this world. Available at SM Mall of Asia, SM North Edsa, Ha'Quee Mall, 9 Mirons, Robinsons Galleria, The Shops Greenhills, The Podium, Cainta Sun Point, Starmall Las as and South Luzon Travel Plazas. So treat your way to the source Cinnabon Bakery and grab one now.

EASTWESTBANK

Simply spend ANYWHERE with your EastWest Bank Credit Card and get FREE treats from

Red Ribbon

Minimum single-receipt purchase of only P1,000

Pakbatan or Classic Spaghetti (Ala Carte)

Minimum single-receipt purchase of P2,000

All Beef Salisbury Steak or Bangus Ala Pobre (Ala Carte)

Minimum single-receipt purchase of P6,000

Junior Cake of your choice

Don't have a card? Apply now.

Call 888-1700

Click www.eastwestbanker.com

Visa Credit. Your Essentials.

How to stay connected...

from page 4

original SIM card, since it didn't require replacement of the Singapore-based SIM on my phone.

The resort's bakery plus an extra one provided eight hours of sun...more than enough while I went around the streets and sights of the city. The mobile internet also helped provide an easy way to navigate around Singapore. I was able to use GPS, maps and specialized apps to get around quickly and as expertly as any local.

Aside from country-specific apps, other travel-friendly solutions like MundoSIM, Hubo and Skype are most handy. MundoSIM lets you purchase bundled SMS credits, which you can use to send text messages to any number (marks on iPod Touch, too). The cost of sending a text message via MundoSIM comes out to P4 per message, a far cry from the P20 per message charge on roaming.

Hubo and Skype work the same way except these allow you to make phone calls at a fraction of roaming rates.

Bloggers abroad can also have a richer interactive experience with this system. You'll be able to update your blog, tweet and Facebook, without worrying about the bill you'll have to face after your major sharing of your travel adventures.

The most discovery for many of the techie eager to travel now that I've found a way to work around expensive cost restrictions. Not only that, but the connectivity makes for a better vacation experience, with the internet to act as your virtual 24/7 tour guide.

USB broadband modem

'Killer' travel apps

Turning abroad? Make sure these apps are installed on your iPhone/iPod Touch:

MundoSIM (@ 99) - purchase bundled credits and save on texting charges by using its reliable internet-based messaging service. MundoSIM lets you save your phone number into the caller ID so people receiving messages will know it's you.

Hubo (Free) - Internet-based calling service that offers cheaper per-minute rates than roaming networks.

Google Mobile App (Free) - Let Google Goggles be your tour guide. Take a photo of an interesting building or monument and watch as Google explains its pros, facts and other details about your photo.

Going to Singapore? These save-your-trip apps are present in your device:

gothere.sg (S$ .99) - You'll never get lost with this app. Input your origin and destination and wait for it to give you detailed ways to get there in the shortest way possible. GPS helps the app track your location and, if you're heading the right way, tells you which bus, train or cab to ride. It even tells you call or text a cab from within the app.

SG Malls (Free) - Singapore is one of the best places to shop, and SG Malls gives you a handy directory of all the great malls in the city. the shops inside as well as maps for each mall. This is the ultimate shopper's companion (available in Hong Kong version, too).

ESG (@ 99) - Plot your own route and get to your destination as quickly as possible with this Singapore MRT guide.

iChangi (Free) - Know your way around Changi airport and get updates about your flight information and services by personal maps. You'll never be in danger of missing your flight.

Ecstatic over Etsy

By Tarin Yang
Contributor

You'll want to lose yourself in this online marketplace of handmade finds

IMPY? Dandii Land's cute whimsical doodle-iron jewelry

IT WASN'T love at first site for myself and Etsy. Back in 2008, I noticed two iPod cases from an Etsy seller and never received them. It took Etsy's intervention between the seller and myself before I could get my money refunded.

While this experience was scarring, especially for someone who loves to shop online, I refused to give up, but I had take heated my heart—Etsy wasn't for indiscriminate purchases and I had to make the next buy count.

For anyone who hasn't experienced Etsy firsthand, it is an online marketplace populated by different kinds of artisans. It's grocery-much like eBay except most of the things sold in Etsy are handmade by some truly talented sellers.

I'll spend days poring over shop upon shop at Etsy. I'd find fancy gadget decals, cute hand-stitched leather laptop sleeves, and so my surprise, even vintage style bridal gowns. The amount of items for sale in Etsy is so mind-boggling that by the end of my perusal, my browser is literally filled with tabs of stuff I want to buy (mentally, I end up not buying anything because the sheer volume of items on my wishlist is so overwhelming that it becomes difficult to choose).

It wasn't until recently that a dainty necklace had caught my eye and drew me to it so much that I bought it on the spot, but not after getting in touch with the shop's seller and having the necklace customized to my satisfaction i.e. I had the chain lengthened and was even given a selection of different types of chains to choose from. This is the biggest come-on of Etsy—most of the sellers are hands-on and some they are heavily involved in the product-line process, customizations is typically offered at little to no extra charge.

When my necklace arrived a few weeks later, the quality exceeded my expectations. The chain was delicate and you could see how the designer took painstaking care in attending to every little detail in the craftsmanship. It was the kind of purchase that satisfied you so much you couldn't wait to start shopping again for the next great find.

LOCAL Etsy seller Bricknecessities makes polymer clay miniatures of wearable sweets (above left).

How to have a great Etsy experience:

1. **Create a profile.** Way to big about personalization and if you take time to create an account and rate the favorite before entirely (you can add shops or individual items on your favorites list). Etsy will know which shops to suggest to you, and they're usually right on the button.
2. **Browse, browse, browse.** Etsy is home to over 200,000 shops and it is no exclusive that there will be more than one store selling a particular item you're interested in. Just like shopping at the mall, you want to go around first and make sure that you're getting the best deal.
3. **Check out the shop.** Ready to make your first purchase? Make sure to check if the shop is legit. Similar to eBay, Etsy sellers have feedback listed next to their shop's main page, and you can see how high their feedback rating is. Be sure to also read each shop's policy page especially if ordering something customized.
4. **Feel free to contact the seller for further inquiries.** Most of the sellers in-spend within twenty-four hours or less.
5. **Are you an artist looking to make some extra cash?** Do check out Etsy's shops to get an idea how you can turn your talent into a money-maker.

Check out these notable Etsy shops and their adorable handmade wares:

1. **Happy Doodle Land** (http://happydoodleland.etsy.com) Specializes in whimsical hand-drawn doodles that you can buy as wearable art jewelry or rubber stamp for to.
2. **All About by Jewelry Designs** (http://pasenise.etsy.com) This pharmaceutical-sales rep by day and jewelry artisan by night uses fine hand-twisted silver wire, swirl-ed and gemstones to create dainty pieces like rainbow necklaces, stackings rings and cuffs. Check out her ingenuous bracelet-necklace embellished with one vibrator-of gemstones for a personalized gift.
3. **SoaCre Creations** (http://soacrecreations.etsy.com) You'll want to buy one of her floating rings just so you can hold it up close and wonder how it's done. This Japan-based artist turns miniature-pictures of mouth-watering food into rings, pins and magnets.
4. **Tinystore** (http://tinystore.etsy.com) Tinystore creates cute hoodies and cell-phone charms for mobile phones.
5. **DRMBcreations** (http://drmbcreations.etsy.com) This Manila-based artist makes the cutest miniature creations out of polymer clay. Check out her cupcake rings and macaron studs that look so realistic you want to take a bite out of them. Her snowglobe rings are adorable enough to wear all-year round.

LIFESTYLE

Ramblings, learnings of a tween on school, love and life

Antipathy

A few people are shunning their studies for fun; but the majority of them are just dazedly in love with love

By Hannah Nolasco
Student Contributor, Be in Safe Synergy
Zobel School

OUR PARENTS like to remind us about the importance of school. Our friends like to remind us about their hatred for school. I go through five days a week, Sunday the animosity resonates through the corridors again and again. There's nothing I could say against it. I'm less-a-dislike for it.

I'm a high school student. I've gone through basic block and basic English (I enjoyed English more than Math). I have gone through all the other elementary hoopla.

I remember eating lunch with friends and having exciting field trips. I can still recall the times I would go in the library with my boyfriend. We'd stay there, play with my little stuffed toy frog and just talk about fun things.

We would discuss, wonder and delve deep into the wonders of the world. Preschoolers chat our open minds seemed so much. But because we are young, we are naïve; our knowledge is being kept in a four-walled library, choosing not the negativity and taint, while only bringing in the positive and the good.

The good and bad guardians

Our parents made sure that we knew only what was good. The bad would either be pushed away or learned to push away. I can still hear them telling me: "Don't do this, don't do that!" Either way, I listened. They were tall, bigger than me. They looked like giants from another world, or gods.

I listened, because they were my supposed voice of reason; they were my guiding light. This is what I learned at such a young age, along with all of the good and the bad in the world.

Like I said, I'm a high school student. I've met many obstacles. Some were as simple as a difficult lesson, while others were as complicated as a fickle friend who wanted an intervention.

I cried my heart out many times—in the halls of my school, near the gates and near the classrooms—but those don't matter. There are many memories of the wonderful past that I carefully lock, like delicate embroidery in my heart, forever to keep near my mind.

Sadly, it's the broken stitches, the loose strings and the dirty fabric that I remember. The only things I clearly recall through are the feelings of antipathy.

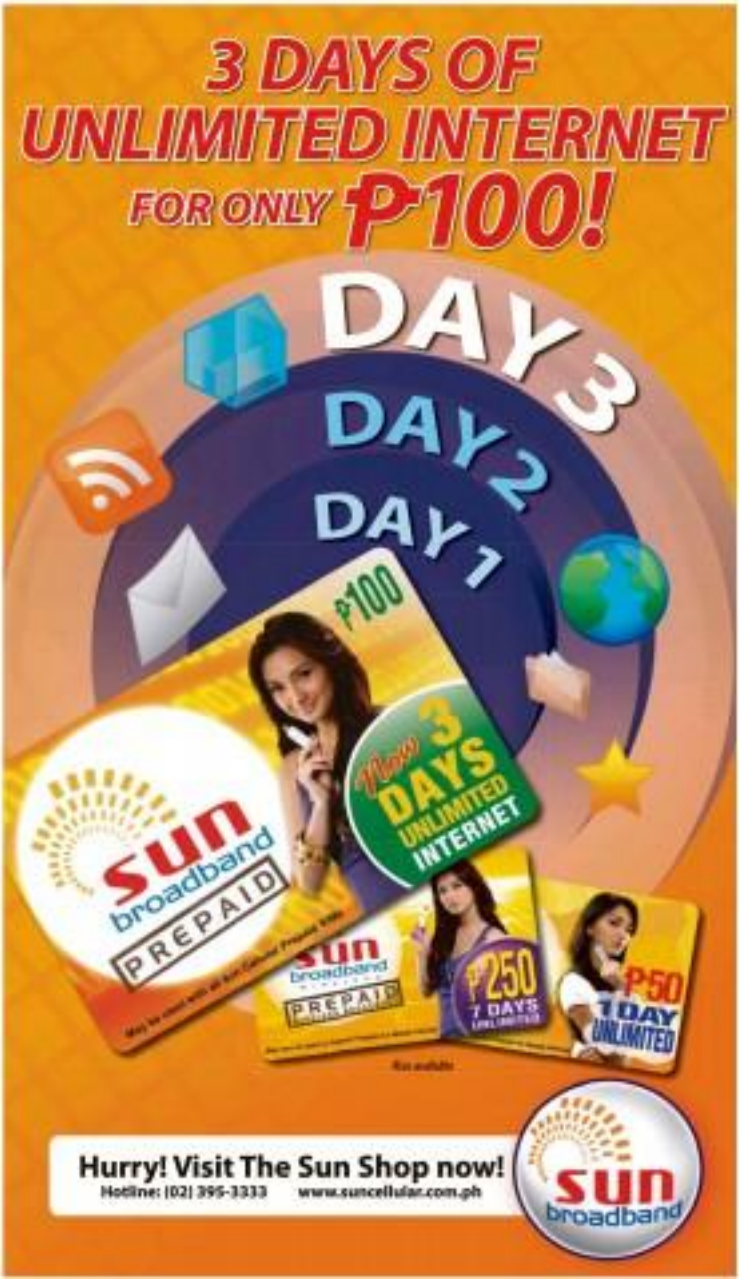
Hard knock life

Life obviously does not come easy. We are set free of the world one minute, rock bottom the next. I've had my share of hardships, mostly regarding friends. I have this excessive urge to please everybody. It has gotten to the point that I'd sacrifice who I am for everyone's liking, because it was what made me happy. Or so I thought.

I spend so much time fabricating who I was to their liking—to adjust and conform so that they would never be upset about who I am.

I spent sleepless nights worrying and thinking about what others thought of me, and countless hours wondering what it could be like to be someone that everybody loved, and someone that nobody hated.

We easily hurt, and then are stuck off. During class, we dream about the weekends, summertime and weekend breaks. During the summertime, we dream about



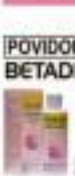
GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS

A. UPH — BY JES ABRERA

PUGAD BABOY — BY PH. LUIGUE

NAG-AKO AKO PROBLEMA KO NGAYON - NAGSAWA NA AKO SA KAKAISIP NG SOLUSYON!
ANO NGA BA ANG PROBLEMA MO?
HINDI KO ALAM KUNG PAANO SASABIHIN!
ANO BA YAN

POVIDONE-IODINE
BETADINE®



Feel cleaner and better protected on your Red Days

Betadine Feminine Itching and Irritation

Young reflections

Failures as good starting point

By John Thomas P. Miranda
Contributor

I FAILED.

Anyone could explicitly claim that I disappointed my family, lost big opportunities and wasted my life on poor decisions. I know I was wrong, and I'm sorry for that.

But, I believe I have better. If given another chance to go back to the bitter times of the past, I would still make the same decisions.

I entered a top university with big dreams, or I believed I possessed such potentials. I've never been an academic achiever in high school, but I was one of the most promising students in our batch—from an average student, becoming a campus journalist and director of a play in my senior years. I know, they hardly believed.

But, expectations from my mentors, friends and a family that had already produced five graduates and counting the last block-recruitment was relevant enough to keep the ember high. But I wasn't ready for the diverse changes in my life.

Living in a dormitory three hours away from home, I couldn't cope with my new world. I never had a true friend. Sure, I got along well with many people, but they were the superficial ones ready to devour intellectual mouthfuls like me.

Before I realized it, I was already drowning in the currents of academic pressure and pure indifference. I thought I was invincible when I entered college, but I was so naive thinking that life was a piece of cake.

Walking on a tight rope

Barely managing a year to survive, I failed three subjects. At that time, there was also a blossoming extravagance among my family that destroyed me from my priorities. To end the financial disputes, I suddenly dropped out.

After a year of limbo, I transferred to another college hoping to evolve my academic life. But, it didn't work out. I failed another two subjects during the first semester. And on the third week of the second semester, I dropped out again.

Instead, I tried to work in the fledgling business of my mom, but I quit after two months.

I've been judged as "lazy," "uncommitted" and "insensitive" by the people around me. But the truth is, there are deep reasons behind those actions, which I've never disclosed to anyone. If there is someone frustrated here, that is me, because this is my life.

Between the failures

I've learned one valuable lesson in life with all these failures: You can't own a world that doesn't want seeing. You can't change people by such sacrifices, because they would never understand the things you've done for them.

There's a small possibility I'd be able to go back to school soon. But maybe schooling just isn't for me. However, despite failing in my studies, I haven't given up on life as a whole.

I still have my dreams, which is to write. Now, barely earning money from freelance writing, I can say I'm happy and contented even if I'm always finding myself broke. But, I still have to find a stable and lucrative job to meet the realities of life, soon.

Looking at the brighter side, the best thing failures have brought me is that I've learned to be humble. I am thankful for every blessing, and I don't dwell on so-called achievements.

If things sound the way I expressed them to be, I would probably end up a pretend-and-arrogant man. I would brag about irrelevant things and think the world owes me something, when in fact, the world owes me nothing.

Cardinality of sets

Recently, after enrolling my hosts of depression in my numerous failures, a close friend of mine taking Applied Mathematics at the Ateneo University came from visit me. I thought not think that I am worthless. She said that people are like cardinality of sets—they have different sizes and values, but they are all important. I dropped Math 11 twice, but I got her point.

Failures didn't stop my journey to life. I just destroyed. What's good about starting from scratch is that I've got nothing to lose, but a lot to gain.

I've learned all over, but there are a lot of people willing to lend me a hand, to help me stand up and heal. While I've only learn a few coins in my wallet, I will get my hopes and dreams with me.

John Thomas P. Miranda, 29 years old, started college at the University of the Philippines Los Baños but later transferred to the Technological Institute of the Philippines-Quezon City. He is working as a Visiting writer-researcher for Ivy League Writing Consultancy. His work "Night stalker" was published in "Thoughtcast" last April 30 and www.sparkboxgroup.com.

Things to do when school's out

By Kurt Vital Gaisano
Student correspondent,
Ateneo de Manila University

IT'S THE END of the semester. Everyone's looking forward to a long weeks' worth of break, before another school year begins.

But having an classic midsemester as allowance. Don't panic—there are a lot of alternative activities you can enjoy despite being strapped for cash.

Play dress-up, or catch up on TV shows

Halloween is just around the corner. Who says playing dress-up is only for kids? Gather your friends, brainstorm on "sey" antics and swoop to neighboring villages decked in your most creative costumes. Cap the night with a sleepover and horror movie marathon, or enjoy eating your ghost ingredients over the candies you've collected.

For the scared cats who'd rather stay at home, catch up on the latest episodes of US TV series such as "Gossip Girl," "Glee," "Vampire Diaries," "True Blood," and if you're into hot blood-sucking brothers, "The Vampire Diaries."

School deadlines may have kept you from watching your favorite TV shows, but you can have all the time to see Jonathan Cresmos (played by our very own Christel) with Rachel Berry's ass during their ballroom duet. Pinoy indeed (he so other)!

Also, the 2011 Spring/Summer collection will be showcasing Philippine fashion brands, and you have a few days left to secure a ticket to the hottest shows over the breaks. Fashionistas excited to see noted local Philippine trailblazing in Gali-Gaya, as well as Rebisco with Monika's trend setters.

Most shows are international early, but there are a lot of designers who are opening their gates first to the public. Grab the opportunity to watch as local rare PFW shows. The event showcases the trends that will likely dominate the fashion scene, plus it's living proof that Manila's couture avenue have started to become global.

Catch your fave series and fashion shows, or try something new

Space savers and new activities

A brand new semester and an oncoming cold season means we have to give our trusty old wardrobe some revamping. Donate old clothes to charity, or hand them down to your younger siblings to make space for new ones in your cabinet.

There are several pop-up shops (finally) strewn around the metro that a lot of young people frequent for their clothing needs, do to the big names thrift shop, as Globo S, Mokati, Cinema Square, etc. for secondhand goods that can still pass off as brand-new. One man's trash is another man's treasure—just make sure to wash the items thoroughly before wearing them, for hygienic purposes.

Try new activities, you've never done before. Bar dance classes, painting workshops, food trips to Binondo, Avenue of Intramuros, or just night outs with old friends you ditched while cramming for your long tests.

Recharge your energy before another batch of deadlines, quizzes and projects invade your social existence. Like this short lived break coincided you that every once in awhile, it's good to stop, just relax and take time to smell the roses.

THE NEW KIND OF LUXURY LIVING

Exclusivity, privacy, security, generous open spaces and convenient access to major business and commercial districts are part of everyone's wish list when it comes to owning a home. But at the same time many happens professionals and young families find these qualities beyond the reach of their hard-earned income and savings.

Now, buyers can find all these and much more in Aeya Enclaves Alabang. PHINMA Property Holdings Corporation (PHINMA PROPERTIES), the country's leading developer of medium-cost condominiums recently announced its latest project – a 3.5 hectare property in Alabang that will be developed into a residential condominium community starting September this year.

The first phase of the project will be called Oliara Enclave. It will be designed in a modern Japanese theme. Aside from the project's main gate and guardhouse, Oliara Enclave will also have its own guardhouse and pocket playground assuring residents exclusivity and security.

Residents of Aeya Enclaves Alabang will be able to enjoy leisure, recreation activities and parties in the central amenities block which will have the clubhouse and function hall. The resident's children will have a fun time taking a dip in the kiddie pool while adults will be able to soak up the sun and relax in the main pool. Those with more active needs can spend time in the fitness hub.

Grant Urbiztu, Vice President for Marketing, Sales & Design said that "PHINMA PROPERTIES has re-invented condominium living by mixing qualities of affordability, low-density and exclusivity into one development." Each enclave in Aeya Enclaves Alabang is designed with security, exclusivity and ample open spaces in mind.

Aeya Enclaves Alabang offers residents a unique atmosphere while enjoying easy access to commercial, leisure and business centers of Alabang, Makati and Fort Bonifacio. It is also just a few minutes away from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. Aeya Enclaves Alabang's low-density living allows its residents to experience the easy, relaxed life and the tranquility of up to 60% open space. To top it off, PHINMA PROPERTIES' unmatched track record of fast delivery of units allows buyers to move in quicker, thus eliminating double rental and amortization expenses. "PHINMA PROPERTIES condos are also characterized by offering more space for the same price. This means that buyers' budgets can get them bigger spaced condos that will give them that extra bedroom, bigger living spaces compared to other developments. And with prices starting at below P1-Million in Oliara Enclave, you can be sure you get the best bang that your money can buy. That's truly the new kind of luxury living!" adds Uy.

For more information, visit www.phinmaproperties.com or call 555-6888 or 0917-555-6888.

"The development called Aeya Enclaves Alabang will have three, low-density Asian-inspired enclaves characterized by generous open spaces and will uphold the company's tradition of offering the best value-for-money condos and fast turnover of units" Willie J. Uy PHINMA PROPERTIES President and CEO said.

Antipathy

From page B1

class. We complain our classmates, our teachers and our expectations.

We're not going to love school the way our parents did. So, says could say they've been there, but things are different now. Things are harder, more complicated, and need much more attention.

Our parents will always be the ones there for us, even as the world turns upside-down. From as the moon explodes into a million pieces and we all float up into the heavens. The once bidding us right for dear life and love will be our parents. We don't rely on them as much as we're supposed to, but we all love them.

Being in love

I wanted so badly to be in love. My parents would remind me and warn me endlessly of how boys can be rough and heartless. I agreed in a heartbeat. I cried my love to obey and listen to my parents because I know that they've been there before. They would learn.

As I met more and more people, more and more boys, I realized that not all of them were as "heartless" as my parents had cautioned me about. Some of them were even more hopelessly in love than I was, or perhaps, ever would be. I found a sense of restraint in desperation in others and found them talking in love more and more every day.

I watched people get together and wonder with four if their love was true or not. What was true love and what was infatuation? What was being in love with love and what was being in love with someone?

All I knew was that some boys made my heart beat faster than others but I always mistook it for love. No, love is not your heart racing. It is something entirely different and much more indescribable.

A good friend of mine once asked me if I would take a bullet for the one I "loved." I told him that I'd take a bullet for all my friends. He told me that loving someone meant giving your life up for them. I told him that was different from the romance. So love that everyone was supposedly seeking at the moment.

Yes, as this young age, everyone is looking for love.

A few people are drowning their studies for fun, but the majority of them are just deadly in love with love. The brightest bulbs of the class will love, as well as the blinking ones. As the insecure and character-developing children that we are, we will seek comfort from friendship and love.

We will never know about the workload in school and the teenage road in our future continues to swell and leave a lingering numbness in our chests. We are young and supposedly "free." It's our choice whether to be tied down by the locked call of negativity, find indifference and love.

We choose to put it all on the line. We choose to take a whack at it, to take the plunge, because there's nothing for us to lose. We're young and we don't know everything, even though we sometimes pretend we do. We just want to feel good and be happy.

Studies come first

Indeed to reminding every responsible and our parents remind us every single day about it. It's our key to a bright future, and even when we find it, we love, it will be helpful somehow. And if not, why dispatch it and devote it? We have so much antipathy for everything regarding school that we forget what we are there for.

We are there to learn and be educated because that is how we survive to be the best. You won't get anywhere without brains. You can say that you're filthy rich, but a mind devoid of convergence and quick thinking will easily be conned by people who know more than you do.

Just like love and happiness, take the plunge in school! It will, inevitably, be difficult and at odd with other who as your relationships with others, but it's entirely worth it. You're going to fall in love, you're going to be in love, and you're going to be happy. But you must never forget your duties.

YOU'RE going to fail in love, and you're going to be happy. But you must never forget your duties.

ILLUSTRATION BY MARIANNE BAILLO

If you don't want to study, then quit.

If you know your parents will be upset and disappointed, or they why not try to study in stead? Blaming the consequences will always help you in deciding what you should do. Life is short but school is even shorter. It is your key to a bright future. So do it, fall in love and be happy. Learn to do this and that, but never forget to study.

We're high school students, our minds are filled with memories, but the ones we remember most are the times when we feel antipathy, mainly in school. Eventually though, we'll learn and we'll find out that everything that our parents said wasn't right—we need love, and this is ultimately good.

We're teenagers who are naive, and all that none of us want is just to embarrass life and all of its complicated glory that most importantly though, we're passing like turtle rides we take on the rides we don't make.

Hannah Hidasse is a 14-year-old student from Sta. La Salle Senior High School. She has a lot of hobbies, most of which involve art—from digital art, painting, sketching, poetry and comic and story writing. Aside from singing and playing tennis, she loves to read mythology and spin poems during her free time. She has hopes of becoming a comic artist when she grows up.

Team Enderun wins national food competition

CULINARY STUDENTS Dino Dy, Gen Oliva and Jomi Tanto, bagged the gold award at the Chef Wars Classical Culinarya for the Ultimate Chef Warriors Student Division of the National Food Showdown 2010 held at A-Venue in Makati City.

The students are taking up BS in International Hospitality Management with specialization in Culinary Arts at Enderun Colleges.

Thirty-seven teams from all over the Philippines vied for the gold medal. Each culinary team competed in the regional eliminations, with the winning teams representing Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao and NCR/Calabarzon.

Enderun Colleges, the representative of the NCR/Calabarzon region, together with the other regional finalists, were judged on taste, presentation, overall professional preparation and handling, hygiene.

The competition involved one main ingredient, *saging na saba*, which was used in three dishes. There was an hour-long recipe writing, held two days prior to the actual competition, and an hour for preparation and cooking.

Enderun's winning entries were: Kare-Kareng Saba, Ginataang Saba with Relleno at Sinuo, Hoja Blanca Saba with Caramel Sauce and Binutong na Saba.

"In the end, it is not about winning or losing," said Oliva. "It's about what new knowledge you walk away with." Gen, together with her classmate Jomi Tanto, recently finished a five-month internship with Alain Ducasse Formation in Paris, France. They were sent by Enderun through its academic partnership with the professional training center of Alain Ducasse.

Prior to the competition, the students were mentored and coached by Chef Mare Chalupin, AGP-Enderun executive chef, and by Chef Cyrill Gaston, Enderun's faculty for Culinary Arts.

Enderun Colleges is a four-year undergraduate college that offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Administration (BSBA), major in Business Process Management and Consulting, Finance and Wealth Management, or Marketing Management; in Entrepreneurship (BSEE), with focus on Family Enterprise; and in International Hospitality Management (BS IHM), with specialization in Culinary Arts or Hotel Administration.

Enderun is in partnership with Les Roches International School of Hotel Management in Switzerland and Spain, and with Alain Ducasse Formation in France.

GEN OLIVA, Jomi Tanto and Dino Dy of Enderun Colleges, (right) Ginataang Saba with Kalabasa and Sinuo

For inquiries, visit Enderun's Fort Bonifacio campus, 2300 Campus Avenue, McKinley Hill, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City; call (632) 856-5000; visit www.enderuncolleges.com.

SUBSCRIBE TO
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
FOR ONLY
P18 per copy*
Call
896-6000
Price applicable to QMR only

5 ways to have more money in your passbook

By Ivanna Agulling
Contributor

IF I HAD saved up the hundreds I spent every day for an upcoming trip of summer, or even of a spirit of commerce, I would have P360,000 more in my savings.

College life can be quite expensive. Money has to be spent on books, photocopied materials rather than the average Filipino at 3 bars, fashion, cell phone upkeep, computers...the list goes on. Then there's school stress, which only goads us to gorge on more junk and caffeine.

Recently, The Republican College invited staff of the Bank of the Philippine Islands to conduct a Financial Wellness Program for its college students.

"More than 90 percent of Filipinos at 65 are either broke or dirt broke," states Richard C. Ilac, author of "5 Common Sense Ways of Becoming a Millionaire When You Retire."

So what should one do?

Step 1: Save up—with a goal in mind.

For instance, I would like to have my own car when I start working. Without relying on parents, a down payment for a brand new car can go as low as P100,000. Computing this, it would require saving P125 for 20 days a month, 10 months a year, in 4 years. As soon as you start working, you'll have your down payment ready for your dream wheels.

That means the macchiato, no matter how tempting the cuisine he/she might be, would have to be shelved for now.

Step 2: Save before you spend. Make affordable sacrifices. Leisure shopping would have to be put on hold. Homecooked lunch (tuna!) over fast-food chicken and spaghetti might be more efficient, too.

Also setting aside 10 percent of your money for savings, as researchers say successful people do. The allowance you get might not be enough, so an external source can be of help to augment the savings money.

Step 3: Be on the lookout for

Ditch the credit card; be on the lookout for cash-generating opportunities

accommodating opportunities. Back in college, with my support to mom's plodding, I earned extra by coaching ice-skating throughout the year. Some friends recommended friends since coaching English tutorials. Be resourceful and turn your skills into gold.

Step 4: Communicate your money management. Emotion, spill the tips. Beware of discounts and credit cards. If it'll prevent all down in flirting with you, think "needs versus wants." Plastic money is not a free pass to the latest iPhone. Dodge that narrow earning swipe.

Step 5: Keep your savings in a safe place. Savings accounts can have a high maintaining balance. Time plodders, such as the BPI/BA, not savings accounts with a P500 maintaining balance and a 1.25% percent interest rate, make building money easier.

Jaymark Ventu, 4th year student at the Republican College, said, "This method was very helpful. It's important for us to start saving for the future, especially for emergency situations."

What are ways you can save money? Tell us at 2bs.lifestyle@gmail.com.

HOME Sweet HOME

What Clutter type are you?

A SERIES ON CLUTTER

By Marie D. Salazar

BELIEVE it or not, even the most "disorganized" subject will needs to be organized. Being a mess in your home or office is not enough to describe you; you'd still fall under some sort of classification to identify and distinguish you from other sets, clutters.

If you've ever seen television shows like "Clean House," you may have gasped and marveled at how some people accumulate so many things and never use them. Other people keep things that have no use anymore for sentimental reasons. But is it realistic to keep all those stuff and not making room for a more organized abode?

In the book "Get the Clutter" edited by Lori Baird (Rodale, 2002), there are five primary clutter types: the collector, the commuter, the accumulator, the hoarder, and the combination clutter types (unconscious hoarder, collector-concealer, and concealer-hoarder).

Get to know them one by one, and you may just realize that you're probably one of these clutter types.

The Collector

If you see your bookshelf already very

CLUTTER 2

How to tell if you have a rat problem?

FOR MANY parents, especially mothers, home is considered as the safest place for their children. However, the increasing number of home pests has become a major concern for parents because of the diseases they bring.

Mosquito brings dengue, ants and mice can cause leptospirosis and other deadly diseases. How do we tell then if you have a rat problem at home?

Rats are present in most cities around the globe and in most neighborhoods, so no matter where you live, it is almost certain that there are rats or mice in your house. The following are indications of rat infestation:

Rat droppings are little pellets that are present near food supplies. A smell of a sardine (urine-like), shavings from gnawing, and holes in your food boxes are all signs of rat infestations.

Rat problem is a main concern that needs to be addressed immediately and efficiently.

Jardine Distribution, a known distributor of quality construction supplies such as Solignum has recently launched its rodenticide called Klerat rat and mice killer.

Klerat rat and mice killer is the only single feed rodenticide available in the market today that kills rats and mice in only one feeding. Because it kills in one feeding, it is more cost efficient and provides greater value for money.

Klerat rat and mice killer comes in pellet and wax block form. Klerat pellet is in a ready to use tray pack that is best to use in, while Klerat wax block is best for outdoor use because it can be nailed, and it can stand wet and moisture.

Klerat is now available in all leading DIY stores such as ACE, Handyman, Wilcon and Citi Hardware.

For more information, please call Jardine Lucas Marine at 8920 830-2629 or email cs@jardinedistribution.com. Visit us also at facebook.com/jardinedistribution.com.

Reduce clutter in your home, turn them into instant cash

By Joel P. Mijos

CLUTTER comes in your home because the items that you let in are not in their proper places. It is also caused by having too much items in the future, some of them you no longer use, which results to organizational becoming a major task.

If organizing is becoming a burden because of the mess in your home, you may go over the following helpful tips which would help you get your house back in order. Getting away with that mess is not that difficult. In fact, you can even earn that clutter into something useful that is extra money.

Here's how: First, reuse or recycle what you already have. In fact, sometimes it would surprise you that a lot of household items can be recycled for different use. Plastic shopping bags or grocery bags can be used as garbage bags. This saves you money because instead of buying garbage bags for the trash in your home, you can use the money for your other needs. You can also be creative and reuse that old shower curtain which is kept in your closet to cover an outdoor lawn furniture or any equipment in your garden.

Second, you can donate useful items in good condition to charity or to those who are directly in need. This way, you're able to lend a helping hand to our unfortunate brothers and sisters. If you're entrepreneurial, you can also easily turn your garage into a shopping alley and sell those items that you no longer need. You may not have an idea how much you would earn it.

Third, if you love reading you may visit a local library or the nearest bookstore which provides free reading instead of buying your own books, magazines or newspapers. What usually happens is that the book that you bought would just be stacked in your shelf after you read it. Borrowing books can save you money and can reduce the clutter around your home or the entire time. If you don't want to keep your old books at home after you read them, you may sell them in your garage sale or donate them to the public library.

You may also check your subscription. Magazines and other periodicals will be delivered to your door like clockwork, whether you read them or not. So if your subscriptions remain unread and are simply cluttering up the coffee table, it's time to cancel.

Fourth, keep in mind that trends and fads particularly in clothing don't stay long, so spend less money and don't always buy what is in fashion. So think first before you buy because before you know it you may have accumulated a lot of stuff in your home that you no longer use.

Don't be tempted by bargains. Don't buy another pair of table lamps just because it's on sale. A discount item may be half off, but if it ends up among the unused gadgets in your kitchen cabinet, that's still money you spent on clutter instead of basic necessities.

Fifth, keep things well-maintained and don't immediately replace a household item because it is broken. Repairing the item from buying a new one would surely cost you a lot less. Also buy only items that is not of doubtful quality since they would surely last longer and would cost less money in the long run.

And sixth, if you would just use the equipment occasionally like seasonal sporting equipment, recreational items, lawn care or home improvement tools, rent instead of purchasing them. This way you won't have to store them in your garage which would mean less clutter. This would also save money since you don't have to pay for maintenance costs.

Don't buy another pair of table lamps just because it's on sale. A discount item may be half off, but if it ends up among the unused gadgets in your kitchen cabinet, that's still money you spent on clutter instead of basic necessities

One-stop shop for home building materials

THE ULTIMATE comes in or becomes a one-stop shop for contractors and buyers to search for complete range of construction and home building materials as well as home furnishing and other supplies don't have to go far.

MC Home Depot is your stop-shop for high-quality home building and construction materials, home furnishing and accessories for the Philippines. MC Home Depot is the pioneer in the home depot business concept and this year the company is celebrating its 23 years of dedicated service to persons and businesses which include contractors, engineers, architects, interior designer, developer, institutions, building administrators and homeowners to name a few.

The "Home Depot" business concept resulted to the emergence of two major MC Home Depot facilities located at: 1100 Dolgan Avenue corner Mayaire Avenue, Pasig City and 32nd St., corner Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila.

Taguig City, April 8 (via PR) Growing and investing in customer service, MC Home Depot also adds more staff with the high-level of Customer Relations Management (Customer Service), product quality and competitive prices. This paradigm is the hallmark of MC Home Depot and could be considered to all home shopping consumers.

In addition to its huge hardware stores, as its branches at MC Dolgan and MC Port, MC Home Depot also has a myriad of variant showrooms and specialty stores that offer each our home such as wood and wood products, lights and electrical accessories, flooring and roofing products, furniture and appliances, home and office furnishing and other home building items and accessories making up a wide range of products for customers to choose from.

MC Home Depot also offer value added services such as price matching as MC Dolgan and MC Port, and instant keying and key duplication at MC Port. MC is also set to expand online related services for the convenience of shoppers and customers. One such endeavor is the development of MC Home Depot website where online shoppers can conveniently do their shopping any time of the day.

MC Home Depot has also among its members the MC CARD which gives privileges to customers. Home improvement, client's discounts, free seminars, and other benefits are also available for holders of MC CARD holder.

And as a part of celebrating MC Home Depot's 23 years, it is holding the "18, 30, Totals" until October 31. For the duration of the sale it will offer "on the spot discounts", as well as of the purchase of certain products customer prizes such as motorcycles and appliances.

What clutter type are you?

The Concealer

From page 1

flowing with unread books, it may be time to think twice before heading to the next book sale. A collector is someone who just loves to collect stuff. The book describes the collector as someone who has a goal or method and subconsciously or consciously completing a collection. However, that goal leads to disastrously finding more accessories things to collect. "Eventually, a collector has a collection of collections."

The Concealer

Surprisingly, until all the clutter types is consistent who has a semblance of order in life. All the stuff that remainder organized are usually packed and sometimes hatched and even color-coded. Home and household shops love this clutter type because all these "clutter" are put in a container—whether it's plastic container or box. In figurative sense, the concealer just sweeps the dirt under the rug. According to the book, there is danger with this attitude. It could mean "indecisiveness" in life. The concealer keeps all the stuff and doesn't know which ones to toss or keep.

The Accumulator

Ever heard of a "hoarder"? Oprah Winfrey devoted an entire episode on this issue with the show concluding that such an attitude can be characterized as a disorder. When you keep a table calendar for years, your housemates should sense that something could be wrong. The accumulator has an attachment to collections and has having a difficult time parting with them. The book says, "The accumulator doesn't think that she needs to stuff, only more space." Only a few realize that keeping stuff with no value whatsoever is downright costly. If you can no longer define the kitchen from the bedroom, it's time to call the 911 or hunt the library code. It's either you need to dispose of things or just organize them.

The Tosser

The name says it all. This clutter-type is the exact opposite of the accumulator or may be identified with an obsessive-compulsive inclined. This can have a problem too, though. It is perfectly alright to get rid of things unless they are unwanted and frustrated by someone else. (Come to think of it, how can a tosser who throws away stuff of no value can be classified as a "clutter type"?)

Combination Clutter Types

Ironically, there is such type as accumulator-tosser. It may be a good thing that once this clutter type realizes the build-up is already doing harm, he or she will move... or pitching it in soup. The thing is that he may be things that are still valuable or can be passed on to use other person.

Collectors concealer is someone who knows how to manage the large amount of stuff collected. The concealer-tosser is the person who organizes things but can discard everything until "there's nothing left to organize."

It is always pleasant to go home to a clean house. A peek of dust may not hurt but a mountain of unsolved stuff is disastrous. Clutter can be a serious problem if an unconditionally put under control. While it may be difficult to sort things today; a pile of clutter, devoting weekends to such an activity can help a lot. Turn "trash" into gold, as the saying goes. Hold a garage sale since you have sorted those stuff.

The Accumulator

High-rise condo not safe from termite attacks

From page 1

condo units, they deeply wondered the threat of termites. This is one of the reasons why we came up with Safeguard Aerosol", she added.

Safeguard Colorless-AZ Aerosol is the most tried, tested, and trusted Safeguard product ever since due its proven response record from the damage of termites, wood borers and fungi. It is ready to use and spray packaging ideal for small wooden application such as cabinets, chairs, furniture and hard-to-reach food areas around the house.

It also comes in a 500ml 360-degree spray can, making it practical and economical to use. The 500ml spray canister covers 2-4 square meters depending on the porosity of wood. This is enough to cover small wooden application, thus, it eliminates wastage.

Safeguard Colorless-AZ Aerosol being the first in the market is its 360-degree spray canister which makes it so convenient to use. It can be used against those far hard to reach food areas such as corners and crannies.

Safeguard as the leading wood preservative in the market also launched Safeguard aerosol as an answer to the increasing demand for DIY (do it yourself) products. Aerosol is very ideal for those who want to do the application themselves minus the hassle. It is very convenient and economical to use. With the new Safeguard Colorless-AZ Aerosol, dong control is just a spray away.

Grease and grime buster

TO GET rid of the toughest grime, grease, and stains, one needs an equally tough cleaning companion to do the job. If one cannot afford to pay for help, one has to know how to do it correctly. And if the dirt have a helper, it is important that the proper tools are used to finish the heatwave.

An all-purpose, heavy-duty cleaner, Pine-Sol Cleaner, vows to respond to the challenge for intense living room clean-up. It is effective in removing the toughest grease and grime on different surfaces. For your living room, Pine-Sol can be used to keep your floors, TV stands and other surfaces spotless. Pine-Sol Cleaner also leaves your room smelling clean and fresh all day.

And since it is an all-around cleaning tool, Pine-Sol Cleaner can also be used to clean surfaces in your garage, kitchen and bathroom. It is essentially useful on all hard, non-porous surfaces, including floors, sinks, counters, mirrors, bathtubs, shower walls, tile, toilets, garbage cans, and drapes/pails. It is also ideal for your precious appliances like refrigerators, stove and microwave oven. Pine-Sol Cleaner is very economical, just dilute a good amount of it and wipe in desired area or surface.

Moreover, members of the household will surely love its fresh lingering scents because Pine-Sol Cleaner doesn't have any strong or irritating smell. Pine-Sol Cleaner is now made affordable for all Filipino households with trial sizes in 250 mL and 500 mL, and comes in three nature-inspired scents: Pine-Sol Original (for smells like real pine); Pine-Sol Lemon Fresh; and Pine-Sol Orange Energy. Michelle Mora

Ortigas Home Depot hosts RPM Car Event and Nissan Navarra Truck & Track Flag Off

UNIVERSAL MOTORS Corporation, the country's largest and oldest 100% Filipino-owned assembler and distributor of Nissan light commercial vehicles will flag off over two dozen Nissan Navarra pick-up trucks early this Saturday morning in a road trip to Tierra Verde Heights in San Mateo, Rizal.

Together with participants from the media and the Nissan Navarra Club, the Truck and Track Challenge features an especially designed offroad course to test and prove the mettle of the class-leading Nissan Navara Sport Utility Truck. A specially designed route from Ortigas Home Depot in Timberland was mapped out testing the navigational skills of the participants. With the Navara Truck and Track Challenge, the one and only sport utility truck names Navara reinforces its supremacy - powerful, but also fuel-efficient. Solid, but surprisingly comfortable, and exceedingly versatile, giving you the most bang for your buck.

Rides, People, Music (RPM) Car Show

This Saturday also promises to be an interesting day for Ortigas Home Depot as it hosts RPM - Rides, People, Music, a whole day event starting from 11am onwards. Close to 100 car entries from car clubs such as Team Full Throttle, Kar Salon, The Nissan Car Enthusiasts, TMC (The Master of Customs) and many more. Other showcases include Mobil, PGA Cars, Top Gear Philippines, Drawn/Wheels and Feel-A-Car. There will be freebies for those attending the event courtesy of event sponsors. This event is presented by The Ortigas Home Depot, Mobil and Rides Plus Entertainment. Co-presented by Pinoy Philippines and Endlever. Other sponsors are Vita Shoes Printing Inc., Hob-Monarch Collectibles, Tarsus Bella, Touch Philippines, Sino-Phil Tinnies Industries Inc. and Vital C. Media partners are Monster Radio RX 93.1, Mellow 94.7 and 99.5 RT. There will be a special exhibit by Red Rock Travel offering special travel packages for the Macau Grand Prix slated in November.

Cafe 80's Anniversary

Cafe 80's, a yuppies retro bar in Ortigas Home Depot Complex celebrates its second anniversary on the same day Boston Bar playing hits from the 80s, it is a place frequented by yuppies and professionals in the Ortigas CBD area with a liking for anything and everything in the 80s. Located in the third level section of 2NDC, the area has a plethora of themed restaurants and a gimmick place for residents and people in the Ortigas/Pasig area.

Ortigas Home Depot Complex has fast become a place for holding auto shows and car club gatherings, fondly called "HDs" or "carhalt events". With its expansive parking and wide choice of restaurants and bars in the vicinity, these events are reminiscent of Boston spots on park parkways of the 1980s where car enthusiasts gather together in commercial parking lots to showcase their cars and visitors are exposed to mingle with the car owners, have their photos taken beside their rarely seen cars. Unlike most indoor car shows, these cars will not be restricted off and visitors can view these cars up close.

NEW PRODUCTS AND NEW ENDORSERS

Global direct selling company Tupperware Brands Philippines recently introduced its latest endorsers: show biz personalities Sam Milby, Maja Salvador and Marvin Agustin. Marvin (fifth from left) represents Tupperware's food storage products for his mom-to-be wife Jennylyn Mercado, Sam (second from left) is the new face of Tupperware's Brands' world-class fragrances as well as their own fragrance line, Sam Milby (center) and Maja, the company also introduced BabyCare Plus+, a new baby care line which offers clinically proven, hypoallergenic and dermatologist-tested products that provide gentle care and protection to baby's sensitive skin. With the new celebrity endorsers are, from left, Jocelyn Ison and baby care expert Dr. Sherill Clemente-Darvin, Tupperware Brands Philippines president Perry Harper, and marketing director Charmaine Abad.

Even with wood, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

INSECT products are prone to damages from wood-loitering insects and rotting/organisms causing rotting, staining and decay.

To be of these unnecessary damages and exposures on repairs can be prevented through proper wood preservation," says Josefina Dionisio, Material Protection Division Manager of Sweetacia & Shaffer Philippines Inc. (SSPI).

Natural defenses are lost as soon as wood is cut, making it an open prey to a host of pests.

One of the most common wood worries are termites, which are either native to the soil called Subterranean termites or may be in-planted in wood such as the drywood termites.

Any standing structure installed with wooden parts such as railings, baseboards, stairs, cabinets that did not have prior preservation/termite protection are prone to being eaten away by termites in months. These pests can from the inside and damage between visible when it's usually too late.

Getting pre-construction termite treatment for homes is important. For added measure, SSPI recommends the application of insecticides like Diazol TMC225 to all wooden materials prior to installation. Formulated in the Philippines by Bayer CropScience, , Diazol TMC225 provides an extra layer of protection should the termite control system fail or wear off.

Another possible threat to wood is Powder post Beetles or "Sinbot." These insects bore holes, which are oval holes of the larvae leaves which exits as the dust-like particles.

Tap the wood to check its integrity. It should have a solid thump or sound, not empty. If it seems to be too late, you may still be able to save your precious furniture by injecting it with the Diazol EM-0225 solution to kill the insect larvae feeding on your wood.

Other wood problems that ruin the natural beauty of wood are mildew and stains or "mantsa". These are caused by fungi. SSPI recommends using the fungicides and microbicide Diazol E which keeps the wood strong and safe from such fungal attacks.

The Diazol fungicides includes Diazol CEMBL (for preservol) combination of the Diazol TMCE 23 and P to ensure more get wood protection from these most worrying wood problems.

Even with wood, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

To learn more about Diazol, check it on the web at www.diazolphilippines.com; e-mail diazol@sweetacia.com.ph or call (632) 7219000.

Clutter syndrome

Leading a clutter-free life is possible. An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure might be applicable to avoid the trash build-up or for the person to suffer a hoarding disorder. To spot someone who is showing signs of becoming a clutter person, keep the following in mind. The book "Cut the Clutter" enumerates the following:

1. Vicarious clustering. If your mother keeps on buying things for your kitchen (not here), she may be have a tendency of becoming a clutter person. According to the book "Cut the Clutter," buying stuff for people who may or use of it or don't need those stuff at all is her way of satisfying the urge to accumulate. Dumping stuff to you or your home can be a major problem.

2. Cumulus accumulation. In more blunt terms, it is hoarding. There was a news years ago of a woman who keep on adopting animals even if she lived in the city. The neighbors are already complaining because of the stench of feces and urine. She just couldn't stop. She said she can't afford not to rescue those animals but the truth is she is already suffering from the hoarding syndrome.

3. Hunter gatherer syndrome. Collectors are hunters. There are hard-to-find collectibles and when the collector finds one, he or she just cannot resist buying it even if there are already several kept in the house. The rare find is like a trophy especially if acquired from a bargain hunt.

4. Sentimental keeper complex. The would-be accumulators may be suffering from strong attachment with things that they cannot use or just don't know what to do with them. There are times when people tend to hold on to something because they are gifts. *Marvin D. Salazar*

Collecting things is fun but restraint is important, too. Collect only what you want and what you need. You don't have to be neat-freak just organized

Electrolux launches small appliances line

Electrolux Philippines is expanding its offerings through the introduction of its small domestic appliance line

LAUNCHED through a fun trivia event, Electrolux revealed the exciting features of its new products, which include vacuum cleaners, irons, rice cookers, a coffee maker and ovenes.

"Small Domestic Appliances is a huge market here in the Philippines and through our philosophy of "Thinking of You", we feel that our innovative small appliances will provide us with new opportunities for growth," said Jairin Nikolaou, General Manager of Floor Care and Small Domestic Appliances of Electrolux East Asia, during the recently held product launch.

The Electrolux philosophy "Thinking of You" promises Filipinos thoughtfully designed appliances, geared towards answering their unique wants and needs in new and exciting ways.

The Electrolux Confidence Steam Iron is a prime example. Innovative consumer work by Electrolux revealed that safety is the number one concern for irons among Asian consumers.

That is why the Electrolux Confidence Steam Iron includes extensive features which make them one of the safest irons out in the market.

It has a 3 way auto shut-off function, a 2007 sole that provides flexibility and durability, preventing the steam iron from falling over while in use and the Electrolux patented safety stand - a rubber capped heat resistant that prevents it from slipping when in an upright position.

For ease in ironing, Electrolux also introduced its MIO wireless iron. It includes a variable temperature setting to deal with different kinds of fabric, 1800 watt power for quick heat up and a stainless steel ceramic soleplate for easy glide. Its lightweight material and 180 degrees swivel cord give it good reach and maneuverability for comfortable ironing.

Meanwhile, the New Collection breakfast set answers the busy urbanite's need to have a good breakfast to start their day. It includes a coffee maker that can hold as much as 10 cups of coffee, with a non-stick warming plate and a keep warm function so consumers can get great tasting piping hot coffee anytime.

It is also easy to use and clean as it comes with a permanent filter and an anti-drip system, making it a perfect fit for those with a fast-paced lifestyle.

Meanwhile, the Electrolux ETE 2000 frip op toaster has a 7 setting electronic browning control so consumers can toast toasted the way they want it, plus self centering bread guides for even toasting.

Also answering the Filipinos love for having rice with their meals, Electrolux is also bringing in its rice cookers.

The Electrolux ERC2101 rice cooker can do more than just prepare rice - it has 4 functions, cook, warm, steam and porridge. Meanwhile the ERC2200 model has a 1.0 liter capacity with two functions - cook rice and keep warm up to 72 hours. Both models have an inner pot with a non-stick coating, and also come with a steam rack and ladle.

When it comes to cleaning, Electrolux has designed two vacuum cleaners to suit the particular needs of its consumers.

Those looking for superb dirt pick up can check out the ZAB8875S Tornado. Truly a tornado in cleaning, it uses cyclonic technology where suction is provided by the internal spinning of an air stream created by the wide drum and sealed container.

This not only results in a powerful performance but it also prevents dust from clogging the filter so that the TS Tornado not only makes cleaning easy but also easy to clean.

While those looking for all-in-one cleaning can choose the Classic E, the new wet and dry vacuum cleaner from Electrolux. Its enhanced features include a higher input power with a stronger suction for excellent pick up of all kinds of dirt, plus a tank that has a 32 liter capacity to clean up big soils.

"It's a very exciting time for our organization. For years, Electrolux Philippines has been focused on providing consumers with a full range of big appliances, from food preparation to laundry, but now we are poised to become the only whole goods brand in the market that not only offers these big appliances but small domestic appliances as well," Nikolaou said.

A global leader in home appliances and appliances for professional use, Electrolux re-entered the Philippine market in 2002.

Electrolux products include refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, vacuum cleaners and cookers sold under the rennowned brands Electrolux, White-Westinghouse/Electrolux and Frigidaire.

For further information, please contact:
Customer Care : (+63) 2 845 2275
Toll Free Number : 1-800-10-845-2275
Email: service@electrolux.com
Website: www.electrolux.com.ph
Share more of our thinking on
www.electrolux.com

Electrolux is a global leader in home appliances and appliances for professional use, selling more than 40 million products to customers in 150 countries every year. The company focuses on innovations that are thoughtfully designed, based on extensive consumer insight, to meet the various needs of consumers and professionals. Electrolux products include refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, vacuum cleaners and cookers sold under renowned brands such as Electrolux, AEG-Electrolux, Zanussi, Eureka and Frigidaire. In 2006 Electrolux had sales of SEK 109 billion and 51,000 employees. For more information, visit http://www.electrolux.com/press

High rise condo not safe from termite attacks

TERMITES can seriously damage the structure not only of a house, but even of a high-rise building. Some high-rise condo dwellers have a misconception that their homes cannot be attacked by termites since their homes are not in contact with soil.

This misconception can cause extensive damage if not corrected. While the most common termite is called subterranean termites or termites that live in underground colonies or in moist secluded areas above ground, there are also other types of termites including those who swarm and with wings that damage not only the structure but even all kinds of wood in the house such as furnitures and cabinets.

Termites with wings are known as drywood termites. Drywood termites generally live, feed and nest in wood. Unlike subterranean termites, they do not require any contact with the soil in order to live. Thus, they can seriously damage movable wooden objects such as furniture.

"Because of their ability to live in wood without soil contact, drywood termites are frequently carried or infested furniture and other wooden objects" said Rachy Tia, Product Manager of Indigame, the leading wood preservative.

"Some of the homeowners, when they moved in to their

(SEE PAGE 2)

IN THIS ISSUE
Newsmakers
in the biz /K4

Editor Nestor U. Torre • Assistant Editor Rito P. Asido
SATURDAY Special

Eat, pray, love at the movies.
Powered by CitiL
citibank
Watch Eat, Pray, Love and other upcoming blockbusters with your YHOO movie passes, and exclusive at the Newport Cinemas, Resorts World Manila starting October 8, 2010.
No Citibank Credit Card yet?
Text Citi Card to 2600.
Newport Cinemas

LaBeouf, Efron
move up to young-adult roles

By Nestor U. Torre

FAVE TEEN stars like Shia LaBeouf, Zac Efron, Miley Cyrus and Daniel Radcliffe have a great time leading a over-the-hill affair with their youth-friendly films, which hit the spot with the movie audience's predominantly teen demographics.

But, even the most popular young luminaries have to face the inexorable need to eventually (sooner rather than later) segue from kiddy teen to adult screen image, and consequentially more mature projects.

Job offers

If they postpone that act of self-transformation, they could end up losing job offers and (that be forced) to accept the best they have become little-teens despite their best efforts to hold back the gangling, grasping hands of time.

This season, the need to heed the call to go from teen to young adult star has been felt acutely strongly by Efron and LaBeouf.

Efron clicked with viewers in the first "High School Musical" film, but his current vitamin "Charlie St. Cloud," casts him in the accustomed role of a young man who is rewarded for pure-hearted gloominess that other people would be clueless about.

Clearly, that's nothing to sing and dance about, but Efron manfully took on the challenge to start a new chapter in his career—with mixed results.

Drama

More successful has been LaBeouf's determined bid for young-adult stardom, by way of his role in the hit fraternity movie, "Money Never Sleeps" (the "Wall Street" sequel).

LABEOUF: Pulls off major thespic transformation.

In a sense, LaBeouf has it tougher than Efron, because he has to share screen billing with the more senior Michael Douglas, who "owns" the "Wall Street" film franchise.

But, the young actor accepted the role of Douglas' protégé and future son-in-law despite the film's lack of first focus on his character, because the project was simply too good and big to pass up.

Also hugely appealing to the ambitious young actor was the fact that the shift he was being asked to make was a really major one—his fashioned-down character was a far cry from his Fonzie appearance roles in the "Transformers" movies and "Disturbia."

Early hits

To pull the teen-to-adult transformation off for fast-footed types (by the people's voice of the silly), winning gambles that worked so well for him in his early hits.

Gone are the frenetic tongue-in-cheeks charm, goony and loopy facial expressions, adroit delivery and lapdog appeal that were audiences were only a few years ago.

In their place, LaBeouf has invested his young-stock leading character with more focused, less superficially engrained angst, inflected jaded thinking of worldly-wise adult, ironic abilities to care for and love others, and the therapic thrill of communicating a lot while saying only a little.

In other words, he's grown up, both as an actor and as a person, and in doing so, has assured the continuation of his stellar career for the next decade to come!—Rito.

EFRON: Transition from kiddy teen to adult yields mixed results.

Pop appeal boosts Toni Gonzaga's latest album

By Rito P. Asido

IF YOU loved casual listening to the digitized sound of auto-tune and dj innovations, a number of cuts from Toni Gonzaga's fifth album, "PUSH," will catch your fancy.

Musically, this 13-track recording sounds distinctive, but there are enough good melodies and down-pat arrangements that give the album its middle-of-the-road mass appeal.

Harmonies

"Star You Love Me" is enhanced by its melodic, "Love Me," that beautifully segues in an opening gambit followed by Toni's digitized recording, garnished with soulful-tinted harmonies reminiscent of Wilson Phillips' demos. But, the tune's music version offers a tender treat, because the

GONZAGA: Auto-tune-tuned tracks

singer is with JM, whose finely tuned R&B-quality pipes make the song sour when he harmonizes with Toni.

Another chart-jolting surrounded

POP p2

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD CINEMA MOVIE GUIDE

Like us in facebook www.robinsonsmovieworld.com

GALLERIA

1 LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS
2 EAT PRAY LOVE
3 I SO
4 RED
5 THE TOWN
6 THE HOLE (Digital 3D)
7 PANAMA
8 THE OTHER GUYS
9 PETRANG KABAYO
10 MGA PINAKAMAHABANG ONE NIGHT STAND

MANILA | **METRO EAST**

1 THE OTHER GUYS
2 THE TOWN
3 THE HOLE (Digital 3D)
4 RED
5 EAT PRAY LOVE
6 PANAMA
7 PETRANG KABAYO
1 EAT PRAY LOVE
2 HOLE (Digital 3D)
3 PETRANG KABAYO
4 RED
5 PANAMA
6 THE OTHER GUYS
7 THE TOWN
8 LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS

NOVALICHES | **FORUM ROBINSONS**

1 PETRANG KABAYO
2 THE OTHER GUYS
3 KUMBATA KA SA AKIN
4 RED
1 THE HOLE (Digital 3D)
2 THE OTHER GUYS
3 RED
4 PETRANG KABAYO

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD
PLAYBACK @ ₱25
September 1 to November 2, 2010
Catch your favorite films one more time at Robinsons NovaMarket!
nova market

1 In My Life
2 The Blind Side
3 Night at the Museum 2
4 Iron Man 2
5 Alice in Wonderland
6 Transformers 2
7 Patient X
8 Dog Me To Hell

STA. ROSA | **LIPA**

1 THE HOLE (Digital 3D)
2 PETRANG KABAYO
3 WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS
4 LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS
1 THE HOLE (Digital 3D)
2 WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS
3 PETRANG KABAYO
4 LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS

DASMARIÑAS | **STARMILLS**

1 PETRANG KABAYO
2 EAT PRAY LOVE
3 THE OTHER GUYS
4 RED
1 THE HOLE (Digital 3D)
2 I SO
3 THE OTHER GUYS
4 PETRANG KABAYO
5 DEVIL
6 EAT PRAY LOVE

IMUS | **ANGELES**

1 I SO
2 PETRANG KABAYO
3 THE OTHER GUYS
4 LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS
1 EAT PRAY LOVE
2 THE OTHER GUYS
3 DIARUM NI GUNGI
4 PETRANG KABAYO

TACLOBAN | **DUMAGUETE**

1 PETRANG KABAYO
2 WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS
3 DEVIL
1 EAT PRAY LOVE
2 WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS
3 PETRANG KABAYO

BACOLOD | **ILOILO**

1 THE HOLE (Digital 3D)
2 PAGBILI
3 PETRANG KABAYO
4 MGA PINAKAMAHABANG ONE NIGHT STAND
5 RED
6 THE OTHER GUYS
1 THE HOLE (Digital 3D)
2 WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS
3 RED
4 THE OTHER GUYS
5 PETRANG KABAYO

GENSAN

1 THE HOLE (Digital 3D)
2 PETRANG KABAYO
3 LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS
4 DEVIL

ILOCOS NORTE

1 LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS
2 PETRANG KABAYO
3 WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS

WATCH IT LIVE via SATELLITE
BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!
P550
P450
P350
PACQUIAO MARGARITO
MOVIEWORLD

Affleck scores as film director

By Hesbert Tavo

NITE "THE Town," it looks like Ben Affleck has finally found the role that shows us how good he is—it's not the one that he plays in front of the camera, but the one behind it. Though he gives a solid performance as an actor in the film, it's his directorial talent that really shines through in this dense heist movie.

Audiences already got a glimpse of Affleck's flair for direction in 2007's "Gone Baby Gone," and it's here that we confirm that he's more than just another Hollywood celebrity trying on hats. "The Town," in fact, has the well-balanced and polished feel you'd expect from a movie made by a veteran filmmaker.

Like "Gone Baby Gone," the film is based on a book, Chuck Hogan's "Prince of Thieves," and makes for most of its setting. This time, it's the primarily working-class neighborhood of Charlestown, ostensibly, the "bank robbery capital" of America. The production immerses us in the community, where narrow lanes and the weathered elegance of colonial-era buildings contrast with sad highlights: the grim outlines of ex-prisons.

Heist

Affleck casts himself as Doug, a bank robber on the rare mastermanding and pulling off a heist with best friend, Jim (Jeremy Renner), another robber/thrower. They're (comedy efficient term, especially the sock puppet)—like Jim, who's raised with barely finished heavily by Rosario Within a few minutes, they subdue the bank's employees, get into the safe, make the security tapes, and leave the crime scene with bank manager Claire (Rebecca Hall) as hostage.

The speed and instinct of these opening minutes set the pace for the rest of the movie, but there's more to "The Town" than fast heists and spooky car chases. Affleck attempts to explore the inner workings of the professional characters and the world they inhabit.

It's a fascinating world, closed to outsiders and so clannish in any community where disloyalty often results in death. People here don't say "I'm sorry" very often, only "I'm sorry, and I'm living, it's a telling environment from which these doesn't seem to be any escape—something brought home by the line that his father, Stephen (Chris Cooper), stopped robbing only because he got jailed. When Doug tells Jim Claire, and she falls right back, he gets a kind of a happy feeling—but, there's a sense of doom under it.

Affleck doesn't get us to be through in his explorations as the movie falls back into heist mode soon after half. Still and all, it's an enjoyable viewing experience, even when it does draw emotional intensity to procedural beats.

EXCLUSIVE
OPENS OCTOBER 27 AT GLORIETTA 4, GREENBELT 3 & TRINOMA CINEMAS
STONE
"POWERFUL"
A compelling tale of passion, betrayal and corruption that examines the fractured lives of two middle men breaking from their troubled pasts to face uncertain futures.
Subject to MTRCB Rating

Pop...

Freeman[1]

"Gone Baby To Me," Gossip's stimulating collaboration with Malaysian singer-songwriter, Hanson, whose full, dynamic voice doesn't hesitate to take over all with Tosh's thin pipe. The latter knows how to make her limitations, for it's hard to hate them when the collaborators with singers who are more gifted, because they only expose a vocal inconsistent that lacks heft.

Sensibility

"Can't Help Myself" is terrible for its sad-to-formally-appeal, as chorus sensibility and a rousing finale. If you like the energetic riddle of K-pop, you'll find the chaos cut. "All Me" (HEI's comeback), appealing—though not in all the intonation cared made to the song's chest-bare threnetic one-hair. The[1] groove as it, here you mean think twice about its meaning.

"You Make Me Feel Blue" would have been more than melodically pale—the hard sonar parts of the song are here, too low for Tate, so when the scoops for more, the effect isn't pleasing to the ear.

However, if you're content with mediocre conditions and a technically polished sound, you won't find a lot here to complain about.

Kathryn Grayson was a double treat

By Bebs Cervantes

ONE OF the most memorable faces...and voices—from the '40s to the '60s belongs to the beautiful and marvelous soprano, Kathryn Grayson. Born in Salem, North Carolina, in 1922, the lyricist was discovered in Eddie Cantor's radio show.

When she tried her luck in Hollywood, MGM immediately saw her potential in the company of "operatic" lassaters like Grace Moore, Jeanette MacDonald, Irene Dunne, Rise Stevens and Lily Pons.

Compositions

Her manager says there is no need for learning to appreciate and classical music. She came at a time when human still listened to the compositions of Romberg and Lehar, as well as Bizet, Rodgers, Hart and Hammerstein. She was in the delightful company of Deanna Durbin, Jane Powell and Ann Blyth.

The young queens of Hollywood musicals their own the fragile Judy Garland, though her singing style was not of the operatic kind. Women everywhere aped Grayson's

GRAYSON. Legacy of marvelous musical memories.

lilting style. In the '40s, she became popular in the Andy Hardy series with Mickey Rooney, particularly in "Private Secretary" where she sang "Lasia" and "Waves of Spring." She was a double treat—wonderful to listen to and a visual delight!

Kathryn later shone in "Seven Sweethearts," "Thousands Cheer," "Anchors Aweigh" and "Till the Clouds Roll By" appearing opposite Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Tony Martin.

In the '50s, she co-starred with Mario Lanza in "Toast of New Orleans," and Howard Keel in "Show Boat" and "Kiss Me Kate." In an interview, she disclosed how thrilled she was when she was offered the role in "Show Boat," because she remembered watching her idol, Irene, portraying the same character when she was a young girl. Her last film was "Vagabond King," a remake of a Jeanette MacDonald vehicle.

When MGM stopped making musicals, the actress wisely teamed up with her former costar, Howard Keel, and performed in night club gigs and television productions. Before retiring, she fulfilled her childhood dream of appearing in operas ("La Boheme," "Madame Butterfly"). Grayson passed away at age 88 and left behind a legacy of marvelous musical memories.

Enhancing one's beauty

LOTUS POND

R. Valenciza and S. Ramirez

HOW DO we gain real beauty? In the Sirdan, there's an apt description of how one's beauty can be enhanced:

"The useless, although blank, is considered beautiful because of its sweet origin. A woman is also considered beautiful due to her chastity and faithfulness to her husband, even when he's far away. As a person becomes attractive when he exhibits great wisdom and intelligence as he shares knowledge that enlightens others.

"Humbly individuals are beautiful when they forgive. Warriors are considered attractive when they're heroic and dead men their backs as a good cause. Businessmen are appreciated when they promote noble activities by using their resources. And, souls who entrust their employers to the best of their ability are hailed for their loyalty and dedication."

Thus, we can all become beautiful due to the special qualities perceived by others through the eyes of wisdom. This state of higher consciousness lights up people's lives. It's the type of beauty that doesn't fade—and is worth emulating!

PASCUAL. Was a member of UST's Teatro Tomasino.

SHOW BIZ Q&A

What keeps Susan Roces busy?

By Jocelyn Valle

THIS WEEK'S Q&As:

What keeps Susan Roces busy these days? —Lady Interviewer, San Juan

Susan Roces was remembered for her Asiatrace at the 10th Seoul International Drama awards for her moving portrayal of an abandoned mother trying to rebuild her family in Gloria J's miniseries, "Sana Sigurong Pasko." But, the former movie queen wasn't able to attend the presentation held on Sept. 30 in Sarah Bernhardtstraat, where the lead stars of "The Netherlands" "Jesse C." Margot Ros and Maike Meijer, were declared winners.

After "Sana Sigurong Pasko" concluded in January, the veteran actress hasn't worked on a full-wrap, though it's been reported that she'll be in the cast of the telenovela, "Pag-ibig na Walang Hanggal."

Instead, Roces is trying her hand at corporate work as a member of the Board of Directors of the Manila Bulletin Publishing Corporation. Previously, she held positions in FPJ and Sons Productions, the entertainment firm she managed with her late husband, Fernando Poe Jr.

Stage play

Back to college, Pride Pascual starred in the stage play, "Sam, dyke Gran, Sem Sack Ulit." Does he plan to go back to the theater soon? —Sharon Lorna, Alabella

Pride would love to return his theatrical roots, but his heavy schedule prevents him from doing so. He's busy acting with TV shooting commercials, performing in shows abroad, promoting his advocacies, and engaging in various sports.

The star of "Hinah" was a Physical Therapy freshman at the University of Santo Tomas when he joined the campus theater guild, Teatro Tomasino. He showed great promise as an actor and was soon given the lead role in Lito Cinapo's Palanca-winning play about a Filipino immigrant's life in the Big Apple.

Pride's introduction to theater happened months before, when he was in fifth grade at St. Francis School on Teatro in Iloilo. It was there that the future leading man discovered acting and developed a passion for it.

E-mail: jovalle2008@gmail.com

NOW SHOWING

Unlikely heroes seize the day

By Rito P. Asido

THIS WEEK, unlikely heroes take center stage when Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell team up in Adam McKay's entertaining stand up to buddy-cop flicks, "The Other Guys."

Tired of being the laughing stock of the New York Police Department for seven years, desk-bound policeman, Terry Hoitz (Wahlberg) and Allen Gamble (Will Ferrell), get a rare chance to emerge from the shadows of wacky detectives, PK Highsmith (Samuel L. Jackson) and Christopher Danson (Dwayne Johnson), who for while pursuing freak jobbers—after they jump off a 20-story building!

But, as they say, be careful with what you wish for. The mismatched duo soon realizes they're in way over their heads when a routine investigation involving a wall-building protest violation opens a Pandora's box that leads them to multibillionaire David Ershon (Steve Coogan), whose interest in the police department's retirement fund goes beyond charity. Do Terry and Allen have what it takes to see the case through to its conclusion?

Bromance

For the most part, the production's self-mocking tone hits the mark. Indeed by the unexpected chemistry between Wahlberg and Ferrell, as well as the formidable comedic support of Johnson, Jackson, and Michael Keaton, as a police captain who investigates as a manager at Bed, Bath and Beyond to put his fraternal son through college. The gags don't always fly, and the third quarter saps—but, the movie eventually gets back on course and setups up its wonderfully wild, a satisfying finale.

Update

An update on Frederick Penzler's notorious 1981/1990 yib-tickler, 'Dreamer' (an extraordinary comedy follows young guy Peter (a very awkward Mahiaq Morales), who runs away from the clutches of his abusive and homophobic father (John Avellin) and ends up getting adopted by a wealthy women (Dagmar Bruneprat).

Without your love, Peter (now Vice Ganda), who inherits Dominga's riches, promises to be a emotional inconsolable as he leaves. When a mysterious gay hermit puts a curse on him (he develops boobs like an) everything he consumes a nasty dandy, he once got a handsome man to plant a kiss on his lips to break the spell. Will Luis Manzano or Tom Rodriguez be Peter's willing consort as he sets out the movie's many side-issues?

The lead character of "Hitting Balays" is another unlikely protagonist. He had high hopes for Swimmin' Inn-ert movie, because we've always enjoyed Vice Ganda's witty one-liners and sarcastic zingers on TV.

Unfortunately the film he stars in isn't so funny—which doesn't bode well for a comedy that's supposed to be laugh-out-loud—because the original movie was a lot of that. The production's comic gaps feel forced and heavy-handed (and its supporting cast seems to think that pitching to the peanut gallery is what comedy's supposed to be). Searching to a put-down he overhears, Peter retorts, "Hindi ko pinasa si Lucifer (referring to Jing)." Huh?

MAHLBERG AND FERRELL. The self-mocking tone of their comedic collaboration hits the mark.

Sharp wit

Vice Ganda's sharp wit isn't effectively utilized in the dialogue, so his usually crowd-pleasing gay-diverse sweetie (here named Peter) is a dud. It looks like his bread of (sometimes) comedy can't flower in a lengthy story-driven exposition that pure beyond quips and smart-alecky asides. Plus, the comedian's lines sometimes make him sound harsh and obnoxious, devoid of the inner struggles that would have made his eyes to the dark side "vulnerable" and truly convincing.

Why doesn't this film work? Because Vice Ganda's appeal mostly comes from his spontaneity and spin-of-the-moment ease of humor, not from a script that is as even cut as he (we're only so-so in these jokes).

Furthermore, it's hard to empathize with characters who don't seem to be aware of the repercussions of their actions—even to the point of comedy. Take the unscrupulous Eddie Allen Peter signifies his intentions to make his a living hell for his younger sister, Avalliet's character still hands his young employer over to them, supposedly to give her a better life! Would that other doting dads could be as "selfless." —On second thought, no!

QUIMBO (WITH SCHLAGETER, LEFT). Impressionable mark-ette.

Perry's hard work pays off

PERRY QUIMBO came home from the US to play in the Philippine Basketball League (PBL), and was toying with the idea of becoming a lawyer. Instead, he ended up managing a resto-bar.

Wow did that happen? Blame it on Quimbo's hard work and impeccable work ethic. "I'm a friendly guy," he shrugs. It also helps that he's friendly and accessible.

On Oct. 15, Quimbo will formally open Tellington 1902," a swanky (with-tradition resto-bar on the third floor of Greenbelt 3, Makati City. It reflects old-world charm and a wide array of wine, liquor and imported beer.

STREET SMARTS. Nanoy Navarrete

Restaurant circuit

Quimbo isn't new to the restaurant circuit. Years ago, he was the operations manager of Pinikio at the Fort. Then came Sergio's Bar & Bistro on Julia Vargas ave., Ortig City.

Assisting Quimbo at "Tellington 1902" is Veronica Gallagher, a labor Ed-Iscita graduate with a degree in hotel and restaurant management from the Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne in Switzerland.

Join the Bonsai Halloween Photo Safari on Oct. 31 (Sat. 3, or the 4th-Allhay (Mon. Safari on Jan. 14-17, 2011. E-mail nanoy.navarrete@yahoo.com, or call 0998-1767.

Get 3 months free when you pay 1 year in advance for your Cignal SD subscription!
Hurry! Until Dec. 31 only.

Enjoy CIGNAL's best line-up that's
100% DIGITAL with the most HD channels!

Now with more affordable price schemes.
Plans start as low as P16/channel a month.

2 PAYMENT OPTIONS		Plan 250	Plan 395	Plan 595	Plan 995	Plan 1,295
1. Cash	Cash Purchase for Box	P2,995	P3,995	P4,495	N/A	N/A
	Monthly Service Fee	P 250	P 395	P 595	N/A	N/A
	Initial Cash Payment*	P 3,340	P 3,380	P 7,080	N/A	N/A
2. Lease	Non-Refundable Deposit	N/A	N/A	N/A	P 1,300	Waived
	Monthly Outlet Fee	N/A	P 100	P 220	Waived	Waived
	Monthly Service Fee	N/A	P 395	P 595	P 995	P 1,295
	Initial Lease Payment*	N/A	P 495	P 820	P 2,495	P 1,295

24 months lock-in for Postpaid subscriptions. Pre-termination fees apply.
Cignal Satellite Kit includes Satellite Dish, Set Top Box, Remote Control and Cignal Card.
See flyers for details.

Call CIGNAL1 (2446251)
6 AM to 12 MN daily
www.cignal.tv

100% DIGITAL. 100% CLEAR.

SATURDAY Special

Justin Timberlake, Aaron Sorkin discuss Facebook flick

LOS ANGELES—Footage from "The Social Network" that Sony Pictures showed to us in German last July didn't prepare us for the excellent finished product that we saw two months later in New York.

The crackling script by Aaron Sorkin and the masterful direction of David Fincher, matched by outstanding performances by everyone in the cast, led by Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield and Justin Timberlake, make "The Social Network" a winner.

Aaron and Justin, who gives his best cinematic performance to date, agree that the film's different viewpoints on how the phenomenally popular social networking site began in Harvard are among the movie's appealing elements.

"It's several people's versions of a true story," Aaron told us. "There are a lot of versions of the truth, and I explained them for the purpose of storytelling.

TIMBERLAKE: For me first thing in it took..to interested in a movie is's in.

There's a Rashomon effect. The storytelling comes out of two depositions that are happening concurrently with two separate lawsuits brought against Mark Zuckerberg (played by Eisenberg) and Facebook, so there were a lot of witnesses in those depositions.

Different versions

"We're hearing different versions of what may have happened, but the gist of it is this: When he was a 19-year-old sophomore at Harvard, Mark, from his dorm room, invented this website which, at the time, was called TheFacebook.com."

Aaron continued, "Sean Parker (Timberlake), who invented Napster, which was the service that stole music from the music industry, came along to help Mark take Facebook from a dorm room operation to what it is now. But, in doing so, Sean broke up the friendship between Mark and his best friend, Eduardo Saverin, played by Garfield.

"In addition, there are two brothers, identical twins named Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss, who claim that they came to Mark with an idea very similar to Facebook. They wanted Mark to do the computer programming. They claim that Mark stole the idea for Facebook from them. This movie lets you decide if that happened or not."

justine ki

Big breaks for new TV-film comers

By Nestor U. Torre

SHOW BIZ loves established stars, because their popularity and legions of loyal fans are good insurance that their new projects will turn out to be hits.

But, what happens when "old" stars' careers turn cold? Producers just have to discover new talents, despite the risks, money and nurturing involved, because the local entertainment scene is punch-colored to a fault and young fans have to be outperformists happy to keep the industry profitably robust.

Thus, this season, some lucky and hopefully plucky new kinds are being given their big breaks in "starmaking" TV/film productions.

Comedic approach

"Juanita Banana" topbills former beauty queen, Bianca Manalo. The new telenovie throws the wannabe superstar into the ostensibly popular melodramatic molds—and that may not be a bad thing, since viewers may be ready for a healthy dose of humor.

—Provided it's healthy as in fresh and dynamic. Bianca is a tall lanky, but her appearances to date suggest that she needs more dynamism and verve to come into her own as a new star.

"Kamanyan" topbills Iza Bernal, who's already starred in her share of telenovies, but her leading man, Rocco Nacino and Steven Silva, are relatively new and untested.

There's a Rashomon effect. The storytelling comes out of two depositions that are happening concurrently with two separate lawsuits brought against Mark Zuckerberg (played by Eisenberg) and Facebook, so there were a lot of witnesses in those depositions.

Different versions

"We're hearing different versions of what may have happened, but the gist of it is this: When he was a 19-year-old sophomore at Harvard, Mark, from his dorm room, invented this website which, at the time, was called TheFacebook.com."

Aaron continued, "Sean Parker (Timberlake), who invented Napster, which was the service that stole music from the music industry, came along to help Mark take Facebook from a dorm room operation to what it is now. But, in doing so, Sean broke up the friendship between Mark and his best friend, Eduardo Saverin, played by Garfield.

"In addition, there are two brothers, identical twins named Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss, who claim that they came to Mark with an idea very similar to Facebook. They wanted Mark to do the computer programming. They claim that Mark stole the idea for Facebook from them. This movie lets you decide if that happened or not."

justine ki

GONZALES AND DEE. Have praised master in the biz's women "love team."

But now "Juanita" finds itself competing with "Dyesebel" for the same primetime block, and that's where the trouble starts.

Both should be congratulated for their bravery in launching their new leads at this time (they'll face to the new seasons. Silva, in particular, has stood on (no pun intended) on a rather bland performance—maybe he'll surprise us in the new show?

—Well, let's hope.

"Kamanyan" is interesting, because it's another indication of how local shows are "opening up" to "regional" and even "international" topics and concerns, like previous productions partly set in Malaysia and China. This "Global Pinoy" theme should be encouraged, because it reflects the OFW status. The big question now is, will fans be completely credible as a Bicolana?

On the big screen, Erich Gonzales and Enchong Dee have been given their big career break in "I Do," and the good news is, they've passed muster as the biz's current

BIG K!

visit: www.smcinema.com

SM CINEMA

visit us on Facebook

ONLINE PROMO!

Visit www.smcinema.com and answer the
LIFE AS WE KNOW IT
movie question and get a chance to win
these movie premium items

Showing at

SM CINEMA

OCTOBER 20, 2010

MTRCB Rating - PG-13

IMAX theatre

SM MALL OF ASIA | SM NORTH EDSA | SM CEBU

NICE

metro manila

SM NORTH EDSA | SM MALL OF ASIA | MEGAMALL

SM CITY MANILA | SM SAN LAZARO

SM CITY STA. MESA | SM MOLINO

VALENZUELA | CITY BICUTAN

luzon

SM CITY PAMPANGA | SM CITY LIPA | SM CITY LUCENA

SM CITY CLARK | SM CITY BACOLOR | SM CITY MARILAO

SM CITY BACOOR | SM CITY STA. MESA | SM CITY DASMARIÑAS

SM CITY TARLAC | SM CITY SUBIC | SAN JOSE

SM CITY BAGA | ROSALES | SM CITY BALIWAG

visayas • mindanao

SM CITY DAVAO | SM CITY CEBU | SM CITY E-MALL

CABANAS SM CINEMA | SM CITY BACOLOD

LEGEND: Digital Cinema | 3D Movies | IMAX Theatre

HOTLINE: 470.22.22 / WEBSITE: www.smtickets.com
Get them at any SM Cinema Ticketbooths nationwide

EVENTS LIST	DATE & TIME	VENUE
Submerged Spectre	Oct 14, 16 & 17, 2010 08:00pm	Mini Theater
I Love You	Oct 16, 2010 10:00pm	Main Sur
Money Magnet	Oct 16, 2010	MOA
The CASCADES	Oct 17, 2010 08:00pm	FASCOR Grand Theater
Hibang Sa'Yo, Rio I and The Company	Oct 23, 2010, 08:00pm	Main Concert Sur

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED

DIVERS & WIDE VARIETY OF FOOD AND DRINKS AT ALL SM CINEMA LOBBIES

From strength to strength

By Nestor U. Torre

LUCENO: Clinched an acting nomination from the International Emmy Awards.

2010 IS TURNING out to be shaping up to be another banner year for Sid Lucero. After getting good reviews for his performances in a number of TV/film productions, Sid recently clinched an acting nomination from the International Emmy awards, the only Filipino actor to make the grade this year. Even if he didn't end up bringing home a trophy, the actor's Emmy nomination affirmed his status as local show biz's best young actor.

Sid's Emmy nomination must also make his dad, Mark Gil, feel tightly proud. An outstanding actor in his own right, Mark similarly had a great start in the biz during his youth, capped by his lead role in Mike de Leon's "Batch 81."

When that film came out, we opined that Mark's performance in it was so good that he could have "graduated" to acting in international co-productions, since his looks made him a natural for playing a wide range of nationalities.

That didn't happen for Mark, but he continues to distinguish himself in homegrown appearances in TV dramas, like his recent standout performance in "Maalaala Mo Kaya." It could happen for Sid, whose thespic world has just expanded in way of his first "international" stature.

Indie filmmakers

Also going from strength to strength this year are our indie filmmakers, currently led by the prolific Adolf Alix Jr., whose new film about people who live in cemeteries runs, "Chanda," has been tapped for exhibition at the Pusan International Film Festival. Adolf's newest actor Jodi Sta. Maria at a young contributor, and its regional and international exhibitions.

Adolf has made so many movies (more than 10) that sometimes I suffer brain freeze when I try to remember which ones I've already seen and which ones I haven't. But in fact, he's still showing a lot of growth as a filmmaker since he was only 17, by winning the top prize in the Film Development Foundation's national screenwriting competition.

Adolf's other co-entries in other standout outfits. All his work, he's earned director himself with movies like "Damad" and "Kadin"—and he hasn't stopped since.

Other upbeat gambits

Other strong gambits in the indie landscape: Pelanas and her "engineering" adaptation as showcased in the "alternative" production of her Pete Mata theater company.

The entrepreneur of Net 25 as Philippine TV's arts and culture channel.

The strong steps of Studio 23, with its new shows serving notice that it is one of the most versatile channels to watch the season in terms of alternative programming.

And, Ogie Alcasid's dynamic initiatives as the Organizers of the Pilipinas Music Festival's new president.

Big breaks . . .

From page B1

"love team." They're also in the telenovela, "Magkaribal," and the experimental one, due to the success of "I Do," their loneliness could typical soaps TV prime — female on mood!

But her part, after "Ngaa Bonifilia," Andi Eigenmann is being showcased in a limited drama anthology series that bills her as "The Heiress of Drama." The eight episodes series will see Andi being handled by eight different directors, the luxury for her thespic talent to be showcased in all of its prismatic variety.

That's fine, but that "Heiress of Drama" tit may be too splendiferous a way of putting things. Yes, Andi is lovely and talented, but her "heiress" title could set a high standard of viewers' expectations that she would be hard put to meet.

The anthology series' first episode names itself, with her mother, Jaclyn Jose, so we can expect a real humdinger in the acting department. However, we must note that Jaclyn's recent participation have evidenced the emergence of some annoying tics and mannerisms that have personally dismabled their thespic worth.

Let's hope that she can clean up her thespic act to make her episode with her daughter as special as it should be.

Justin . . .

From page B1

We were completely surprised at how "The Social Network" was drawing from our flesh. The film owes much of its success to humor, who makes us care for discussions about algorithm, intellectual property and business ethics. It feels like a thriller. Aaron and it but, "As contemporary as Facebook, the object at the center of the movie is the story is still a to-old as storytelling. It's about social status, envy, jealousy, power, money, sex, loyalty and betrayal."

Very excited

Just how thrilling is the movie? Justin told me that, for the first time, his friends are interested in a movie he's in. "There was a screening in Los Angeles. Ten the first time, my friends were getting set on a movie I was in. After the screening, I didn't even have to ask what they thought of it. You can imagine eight people picking a different person they empathized with and felt closer to. That's the beauty of this film."

Justin's comment ties in with the movie's intended "Rashomon" effect. He said, "Silicon Valley is the new Hollywood and that, more or less, is what the movie is about. It speaks more to the idea of young men growing into manhood, being inexperienced in life, and coming into power and money."

In our important scene, Justin's lean character Mark with close, drugs and summer cupid inside a sunny dish, posing the story for the end of the latter's friendship with Saverin. "That was the biggest challenge for me, because it was 12 pages of me talking," Justin

POWER PLANT CINEMA

THE SOCIAL NETWORK | MOZ | THE OTHER GUYS - PG13
12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25 | 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 | 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30

THE WOLE (in 3D) | THE WOLE | FAT PRAT LOVE - PG13
12:50, 2:40, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 | 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:00, 10:10 | 11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20

MOVIES SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

SJA LUCIA — 3D SILVER SCREEN — SURROUND EX

PETRANG KABAYO | BODYGUARD: BEGINNINGS | 180
THE WOLE | PETRANG KABAYO | THE OTHER GUYS
PIRANHA | THE TOWN | RED
THE HOLE in 3D

SHANG CINEPLEX

PACQUIAO MARQUEZ

Watch it live at the Shang Cineplex!

Get your tickets now!

Cinema Gates Open at 7:00 am

Call 633-2221 for more details

SHANG CINEPLEX

1 THE OTHER GUYS PG-13 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
2 FAT PRAT LOVE PG-13 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:30
3 RED PG-13 1:20, 4:10, 6:00, 9:40
4 PETRANG KABAYO CP 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
THE WOLE 3:10, 4:30, 6:00, 9:10

The Art Of Fashion A Fashion Show featuring the Small Zone Brands

October 16, 6:30pm Level 3, Shang Wallberg

Shangri-La Plaza

SM CINEMA

NOW SHOWING

"DIE HARD" MEETS "THE EXPENDABLES"

BRUCE WILLIS | MIRRAN FREEMAN | JOHN MALKOVICH | MARY-LOUISE PARKER | HELEN MIRREN

RED

STILL ARMED. STILL DANGEROUS. STILL GOT IT.

Robinsons Galleria

3D PLATINUM CINEMA

THE HOLE | RED | THE OTHER GUYS | PETRANG KABAYO | THE TOWN | FAT PRAT LOVE | THE TOWN | PIRANHA

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE 3D

PUNK GENIUS TRAITOR BILLIONAIRE

JOIN US ON facebook

WIN T-SHIRTS

SHOW PREVIEWS OCT 16 & 19
OPENS OCT 27 AT GATEWAY 8, ALI MALL CINEPLEX

PLUS!

ZOMBIE KIDDIE HALLOWEEN

Make this Halloween a zombie-rific treat for the entire family with games, trick or treating and a whole lot more!

Get in a Boo All Hell & Getaway

MMTA MOVIE GUIDE

METRO MANILA THEATERS ASSOCIATION

NOW SHOWING

Walter Mart

Newsmakers in the biz

By Nestor U. Torre

ON THE telenovela front, Iza Calzado is getting the big build-up as the main star of the new series, "Beauty Queen," about the beauty pageant syndrome that's still so popular in the Philippines, even if its interest value has waned worldwide.

Iza has enjoyed best chance of success on TV and in indie movies, but it takes a big telenovel and a mainstream film to "officially" affirm that a star has "arrived," as "Beauty Queen" comes right in the nick of time.

Now find

On another new telenovela, "Imortal," the big deal is the precociously frowned and offering performances of the new child star cast as little Marian (played as an adult by Julia Montes).

Most child performers play it overly cute, "ngit" and "pormal," but the new find doesn't have to put up his portrayal, because he looks so "ngit" for his role.

Rico Hizon

Switching channels to the BBC, the popular program, "Iisa Pa Lamang Hanggang Sa Huli," is marking its 13th anniversary, and we congratulate its host, "our very own" Rico Hizon, for the exceptional achievement.

Through the years, Rico has interviewed the biggest movers and shakers in the business world, and the show's anniversary month will see him involved in special reports on the shift of world economic power to Asia.

Our special wish is that, in his next home base, Rico can find the time to reach a more cordial public affairs workshop for local TV workers and students, perhaps in coordination with a local network. His "voice of experience" in television coverage and reportage should ring out loud and clear for his Philippine-based and longest audiences.

Mark Dacascos

Another Pinoy who's doing well as a "global" TV star is "Iron Chef Almotrut" host, Mark Dacascos. The FX show now in a second season, so his stint on the popular cooking show was actually a big stretch of his limits.

But, he gamely took on the unexpected assignment, because it enabled him to display his impressive biceps and extensive thighs in the act, to the delight of viewers. Acrobatic leaps and flips on a cooking show? Well, only Dacascos does them, not the chefs—all in the name of telegenic fun and games!

Zyrene Parsad

Things are looking up as well for young singer, Zyrene Parsad, who's been tapped by Ninoy Perciano to sing the Philippine national anthem before the fight against Antonio Margarito in the 12-count match.

Zyrene was one of our top choices when she competed in the "Pinoy Big Brother" singing rift a couple of seasons ago, so we're sure she'll come up with a standout, even "knockout" performance.

Quite coincidentally, Zyrene is counting out with her first album, an acoustic jazz collaboration that showcases her insightful and sophisticated musical stylings. —Ben's chat for a sure-win punch in the mush bit?

Sure all she needs to do is to perform it a stage musical, and she'll establish herself as one of the most versatile new singers in town.

CALZADO: Tapikla sure series about the beauty pageant syndrome.

Salute to a starmaker: Jose R. Perez

By Lynn S. Pareja

I CHOSE I am thank German Moreno enough for recently inviting me to his birthday party, which turned out to be a tribute to the biggest starmaker of all time, Dr. Jose R. Perez, the discoverer of Gloria Romero, Susan Roces, Vilma Santos, Dolphy, Nora Aunor, Ramon Revilla, Amalia Fuentes, Lito Pimentel and so many other stars of Philippine cinema. He would have been 96 years old.

He was born on Oct. 15, 1914 in Bulacan, Bulacan. The youngest of three children of Jacinto Perez and Sor Leonarda Perez, who was the provincial treasurer of Tarlac during President Quezon's time. While finishing his medical degree in UST, he fell in love with his college sweetheart, Amanda Hontiveros Vera. They were married while Japanese bombs were falling in Manila on Dec. 10, 1941, immediately after Pearl Harbor ignited World War II.

Huge five

His entry into the world of Philippine cinema was both dramatic and phenomenal. In 1947, the cinema of Leopoldo Perez was granted by a huge fire that destroyed many millions of pesos' worth of negatives and film production equipment.

Judge Jose G. Vera, the president of Sampaguita, was all set to retire because of failing health, but there was no one to succeed him. It seemed unfair to compel his associates Doc Perez, to take over when there was nothing left. But, fate was exactly the way the challenge was welcomed by Doc Perez—to start from zero.

Popularity

With Manang Vera as president and his wife, Nene Vera Perez, as treasurer, Doc Perez plunged headlong into the movie business as the executive producer of "Babaeta," with Tessie Agana portraying an orphan. It broke all box-office records and firmly placed Doc Perez in the middle of Sampaguita Pictures, "The Name That Leads!"

DOC PEREZ'S (inset) stellar discoveries (from left): Lito Gonzalez, Amalia Fuentes, Pepito Vera Perez and Gloria Romero.

Leaving husband

I will always remember Doc Perez as the quintessential human being. A loving husband to Manang Nene and the doting lolo over Amber to his brood composed of Wendoc, Pepito, Gino, Lilibeth, Cherie, Leony, and the late Bobbit Vera Perez.

Doc Perez touched the lives of everyone who knew him, like the once-upon-a-time-romantic-nature of Cherie Tiamzon who is now the producer of "Walang Tulugan."

We salute you, Doc Perez!

Studio 23 unveils new shows

AS OF August, Studio 23 is already No. 4 nationwide, with an audience share that has grown by 15.5 percent since January. To sustain its momentum, new shows have been added. At 7 p.m., "Pinoy Paired Bulby Idol Gang," followed by "Tim Pii Dat," "The Nikkelodeon Hindi Jan also premiered.

MONTAGE

Music Monday at 8:30 p.m., Spun Tonight comedy show, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., "Usapang Lalake." Friday at 9:30 p.m., horror videos on "Da Boks Rad" Log on to www.studio23.tv for other trendy treats.

Sneak previews

Sneak previews of the much-awaited film, "The Social Network," starring Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield and Justin Timberlake, will be held on Oct. 18 and 19 at selected Metro Manila theaters. Visit www.columbiapictures.com.ph for trailers and free downloads.

Noel Cabangon at Casino Filipino

As a tribute to the country's award-winning artists, Casino Filipino Pandiguan proudly adds folk musician, Noel Cabangon, to its slate of performers this month. On Oct. 21, Cabangon will treat music buffs to his soulful songs at Resort Filipino theater from his latest album, "Bitukin." His repertoire also includes songs of his favorite folk singers like Dan Hilkoat and Jim Croce.

Call 632-7768 or 632-7756 and look for Stephen Villanueva.

Call abroad with Sun

For only P2 per minute, call the US, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, China and Guam with Sun Yoko 100 Tawag card. If you want longer call time, load up with P300 of Sun Yoko 300 Tawag card, which gives you 50 minutes of USA calls, valid for 30 days. Visit www.sunvillalon.com.ph.

CABANGON: Sings soul-ful Filipino classics.

LEGARDA: Romance heats up a climate change.

'How To Make It In America'

HBO presents "How To Make It In America" (Monday at 9 p.m.), a new comedy series that follows two enterprising twentysomethings (Bryan Greenberg and Victor Rasuk) who hustle their way through New York City determined to achieve the American Dream.

Viva Events

Vic del Rosario, known as How We In the biz, has set up Viva Events, which handles all kinds of corporate functions and behind-the-line activities. General manager of this new branch of Viva Communications is stage director, Bonnette Lopez.

Theatre Indie opens

Teatrong Indie opens today with the opening of the Teatro Indie cinema at the fourth level of Greenhill shalang. It features the latest independent movies from the country's most seductive filmmakers. Call 010-4205, or visit www.teatrongindie.com.ph.

'Redefining Development'

In his new book, "Redefining Development," Sen. Loren Legarda recounts her journey on the international level as she leads the campaign for decisive action to address our vulnerability to disasters and building resilience to the ill effects of climate change.

Justin Timberlake . . .

Pumunta ka

revealed: "I knew I wanted this character to be disturbed at this point. And, I wanted to emphasize the dialogue as well that I could say it as bat as I could so I could still watch Anne react to what I was saying."

The pop superstar claims that he doesn't have a personal Facebook account. He chuckled, "I see post things about it. But, personal connection is different. I don't think you can achieve that through a computer screen. You need to hold someone's hand and look them in the eyes."

While actor Shetland accrued holders boast of having 5,000 "friends," Justin said that he has only a handful of what he defines as true friends.

"I have my friends whom I've had my whole life," he declared. "I can count them on one or two hands."

According to the movie, Facebook came about because one night, Mark was dumped by his girlfriend and, in retaliation, he created a site. But anything good came out when Justin's friend was hooked.

"I don't know what that's about," he disclaimed. Then, with a sly grin, he said, "I've never walked out of a relationship or written a song about it."

E-mail tonypaolo_5565@yahoo.com

ambientmedia
PRESENT
Kanino ang Tronong to?
ABANGAN!
LIVE ON ASAP XV
OCTOBER 17, 2010

super LIFESTYLE

MUJI mania in Manila!

Melding of design and function, your fave Japanese store is here, bringing you home, apparel and health and beauty products

As a brand born at the height of Japan's consumerist pleasure the 1980's, Muji has always defined its products through restraint, simplicity and minimalism. Its revolutionary idea of eliminating logos and making it brand less—the brand name "Muji sabi Ryoko" translates to "no brand, quality products"—embodies its goal of making its products speak for themselves.

Once in operation, headed by creative director Kenya Hara, together with creative director Tanaka Ikko, they helped integrate the brand into what it is today.

Instead of becoming an the label, Muji's constant improving product design and functionality, which struck a chord to millions of followers around the globe. In fact, New York Times in its "The Post-Materialist Muji Obsession" article by Nick Currie on June 6, 2009, coined the term "Mujiism" for millions of avid Mujiholowers.

Former Medytin-maker Steven Specialists, Inc. finally brings Muji to Manila, at Bonifacio High Street, Taguig City (on top of SM!). It will carry Muji's complete lifestyle offerings. This is something Manila "Mujiers" will look forward to, as they no longer have to travel to Hong Kong to purchase their beloved Muji items.

Core principles

Muji's core principles revolve around three major standards: selection of materials, streamlining of process, and simplification of packaging. Muji's dedication to quality stems from its processed search for sustainable and innovative sources of raw materials.

It prides itself with eco-friendly products like organic towels, denim bags recycled into wallets, and stationery made of recycled materials that meets eco standards.

Upon sourcing the best materials, items undergo a meticulous design process that aims to eliminate the unnecessary. Muji's veteran employed designer Naoto Fukasawa described Muji's products as "found necessity". In this light, items that seem simple have actually been redesigned for optimal use.

Minimalism

Muji's constant for simplicity and its concern for the environment extend to its packaging.

It saves scrap from artificial additives, so products retain their original color and shape.

Consumers are encouraged to buy only what they need, one pillow case instead of a set of two and bulk refills instead of new pens. This allows Muji, as well as its many partners to conserve resources and reduce waste.

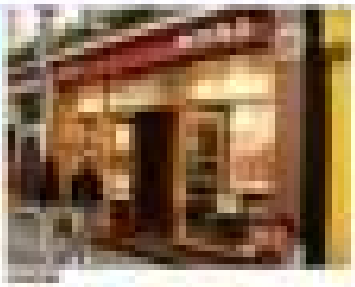
Over the years, in its 30 years in the business, Muji has put forward remarkable items that are practical yet comfortable, and eco-friendly yet luxurious.

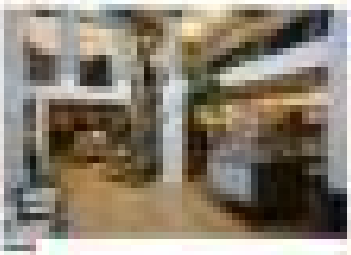
Its household items adhere to a universal aesthetic suitable for any home, and its clothing line presents wardrobe basics (all made from the best fabrics, cut to comfortable silhouettes).

What started as an additional to towards, Muji has evidently be a mainstay Japanese brand. From a modest line-up of 40 products, it has grown to include over 7,000 products within 18 countries. As it continues its global expansion, expect Muji to continue to push creative spin on simplicity.

More Inside

MUJI
無印良品
NOW OPEN
BLOCK 7
BONIFACIO HIGH STREET





Muji across the globe

People behind the brand

Get to know the people who helped evolve Muji as a design giant it is today

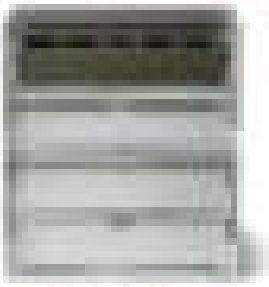
History of Muji

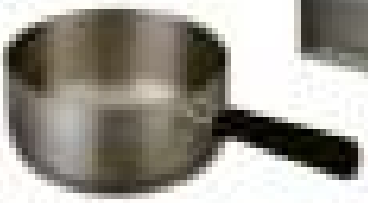
Muji cares

The art of simplicity

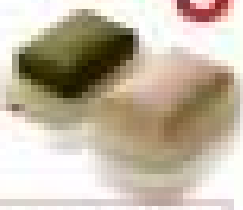
Lightweight and eco-friendly, here are the handpicked survival products you would like to have and use in your homes

HOME
1

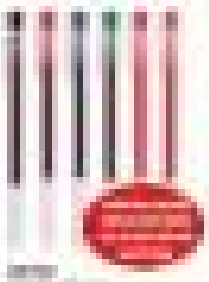


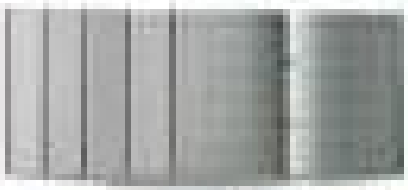


BEAUTY
3



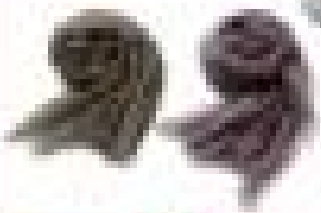
STATIONERY
4





5
TRAVEL

2
APPAREL



Did you know?

Tokyo's Ginza district

• How Did Muji's 20 years old. they was doubling- ing themselves in different a- ass—which is hanging into the hotel industry. Interior de- signer, Takashi Sugimoto, has long been drawing of Muji hotels—a place that imparts the distinct Muji sentiment: where people can experience intelligent, reasonable and authentic minimalist design at a reasonable price.

• The stationery is Muji favourite uses recycled materials, including recycled paper, and vinyl chloride and wood pulp from illegal logging are not used.

• There are so far 7,000 Muji products being sold around the world.

A new Muji stationery

A luxury new range of Muji stationery will be launched. This exclusive range is made from the same material as the label on the back of your jeans. Its power dense, lightweight and strong, making it hardwearing, but with a soft to touch feel. With time, the stationery will age and darken, giving it a unique look and feel. The range includes notebook covers, envelopes, flat files, card cases and bookmarks.

LACOSTE

un peu d'air sur terre

RUSTAN'S MAKATI • RUSTAN'S TOWER • AYALA CENTER, CEBU
CORTE DE LAS PALMAS (ALABANG TOWN CENTER) • GREENBELT 3 • ROBINSONS GALLERIA
ROBINSONS PLACE MANILA • SM MEGAMALL, BLDG. B • TRINOMA • THE POWER PLANT (ROCKWELL CENTER)
THE PODIUM • GATEWAY MALL, ARANETA CENTER • SM MALL OF ASIA • EASTWOOD MALL, EASTWOOD CITY • SM DAVAO